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Our review of season 1976-77

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Local derby action from East Anglia... Ipswich Town midfielder John Wark (blue shirt) and Phil Boyer, the Norwich City striker, clash.

IN COLOUR

F.A. CUP FINAL ACTION

**TEAM GROUPS:
ARGENTINA
and EIRE CHAMPIONS
SLIGO ROVERS**

**FOCUS ON
STEVE SIMS (Leicester)
IAN BRITTON (Chelsea)
SPURS v ASTON VILLA**

ALL THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS

THIS, the experts said, was going to be a vital season. They say that at the start of every season, of course — but 1976-77 undoubtedly did have some extremely vital factors about it.

Internationally, by its end, the 1978 World Cup destiny of the Home countries and our Eire neighbours, though maybe not definitely settled, would at least be becoming much clearer.

Good early results were essential as an insurance policy against any later slips.

On the domestic front, too, the previous season had seen several bread-line clubs facing varying degrees of the threat of going out of business, and cash was a pressing problem almost

Bristol City, back in the First after 65 years, shock bumper Highbury crowd by winning 1-0. Another London shock at Loftus Road where Q.P.R. pipped by a point for the League title barely three months earlier, crash 0-4 at home — and that after Everton's Davey Jones has been sent-off early on. Also off — Derby's Charlie George, along with Shane Walker (Hereford) and Brian Stubbs (Notts County).

Aug 24: Manchester United's young side keep up their promise with 2-0 win at Coventry — where former England defender Larry Lloyd is sent-off.

Aug 25: High-priced Malcolm Macdonald knocks back at the knockers with great goal as



nated West Bromwich.

Sept 7: That man Best does it again — scoring in Fulham's 2-1 League Cup victory before bumper crowd at Peterborough. Brighton shock Ipswich to similar 2-1 defeat.

Sept 8: England flop in first international of season — comfortably held 1-1 by the Johnny Giles-managed Eire side in Wembley friendly. Helped by two Andy Gray goals, Scotland beat Finland (England's World Cup opponents next month) 6-0 in another friendly

Anglo-Italian Cup Final.

Sept 22: League Cup shocks as two Third Division sides win on grounds of First Division opponents — Wrexham by 3-2 at Tottenham; and Brighton, earlier conquerors of Ipswich, by 2-0 at West Bromwich.

Sept 23: Villa sign Arsenal's Alex Cropley for £125,000.

Sept 24: Fulham, with Best and Marsh already in their line-up, now fancy the idea of trying to tempt Jimmy Greaves back to League

CAMPAIGN AVALCADE 1976-77

August/September

everywhere.

Happily, attendances on the first few Saturdays showed a mildly encouraging increase over a comparable period in the previous campaign.

Not so happy was the continuation of mob-rule of a minority — though seemingly growing minority — of mindless morons whose hooliganism on the terraces, and in the streets outside, does more than anything to keep many decent, genuine football fans away.

And, if nothing much had changed there, it hadn't in the English First Division, either.

By the end of September, Champions and U.E.F.A. Cup-holders Liverpool were right up there on top — and already few could see their justifiable claim to be the nation's premier club being seriously challenged in the coming months... or, for that matter, well beyond.

Aug 12: Two of the game's greatest entertainers, George Best and Rodney Marsh, return from American soccer to sign on the dotted line for Second Division Fulham.

Aug 13: Liverpool pay £200,000 for Ipswich's England striker David Johnson.

Aug 14: Big Kick-Off proper — with Liverpool beating Southampton 1-0 at Wembley to take F.A. Charity Shield, and lower Division clubs playing First Round League Cup-ties. Only real crowd-trouble of the day comes from cricket — a 400-strong pitch invasion at The Oval holding up play in the final Test for several minutes!

Aug 20: Alan Dicks, manager of newly-promoted Bristol City, warns: "We'll take the Super out of Mac when we start off in the First Division at Highbury tomorrow. It won't be the big Arsenal League debut he's expecting!" Retorts Macdonald: "There's just no way I won't be on the score-sheet."

Aug 21: There was a way — and

Arsenal win 3-1 at Norwich.

Aug 26: Charlie George is only uncapped player as Don Revie announces his 22-man squad for Wembley friendly against Eire next month.

Aug 28: Hooliganism, curse of the previous season, flares up again in earnest as 3,000 fans riot at end of Manchester United's 0-0 draw at Derby. 77 are injured, and 20 (including three policemen) spend night in hospital. Tommy Docherty declares: "These lunatics have to be locked up and birched. They're not interested in football — they're just brutish louts." Pitch invasion at Forest-Wolves game, with four spectators ending up in hospital. Rotherham (Div Three) and Stockport (Div Four) now only 100 per cent-points teams left in England.

Aug 30: Further break-up of "old" Leeds side — Welsh captain Terry Yorath signed by Coventry for £135,000.

Sept 3: "Best-fever" at Fulham — who, boosted by advance ticket-sales, expect to double their average gate when £500-a-week George makes his debut against Bristol Rovers. Q.P.R. with England skipper Gerry Francis now likely to be out injured for lengthy period, sign Arsenal's Eddie Kelly. Darlington have two men — Ferguson and Lyons — sent-off in home defeat by Stockport.

Sept 4: Triumphant return to English football for George Best — the controversial Irish genius scores for Fulham after only 90 seconds. A 19-minute hat-trick by Andy Gray spurs Villa to beat Ipswich 5-2, and take over at top of table. Three goals, too, for last season's top striker, Hereford's Dixie McNeil, and Mansfield's Terry Eccles. Leicester's Frank Worthington hits his 100th League goal. Crowd-trouble at Millwall-Chelsea local derby, with well over 100 fans thrown out of ground.

Sept 6: Champions Liverpool are put out of League Cup by Johnny Giles's newly-promoted, rejuvenated

The first part of a fact-filled series in which we review the past season month-by-month

at Hampden Park.

Sept 10: Derek Hales, eyed by several top clubs, scores hat-trick as Charlton beat Luton 4-3.

Sept 11: The 3-3 Fourth Division draw between Bradford City and Stockport provides the drama highlight of League's third Saturday. There's a hat-trick apiece — Ingrams for City, and Daniels for Stockport — while the home side have two players, Cooke and Johnson, sent-off. In Third, Bill Ashcroft nets four goals as Wrexham romp home 6-0 at Chesterfield.

Sept 13: Portsmouth, a club which dominated English soccer a quarter of a century ago, admit their financial plight is such they could be only weeks away from extinction.

Sept 14: European soccer kicks-off again — and Liverpool are surprisingly held to 2-0 at Anfield by battling Northern Irish part-timers Crusaders.

Sept 15: English clubs get amongst goals in U.E.F.A. Cup. Derby — with five from Hector, equalling the record for a Football League player in Europe, and hat-tricks from George and James — blast Eire's Finn Harps 12-0. Bowles has hat-trick in Q.P.R.'s 4-0 win over Brann Bergen. Mixed fortunes for Manchester — City beating Juventus 1-0 at home, but United going down 0-1 to Ajax away. Bad night for Glasgow — Rangers held 1-1 at home by F.C. Zurich (Champions Cup), and Celtic 2-2 at home to Wisla Krakow (U.E.F.A. Cup). Eire's Dundalk shock formidable PSV Eindhoven by holding the Dutch "Double"-winners to 1-1.

Sept 18: Brighton rock York 7-2 and storm to top of Third Division with their biggest League win for 12 years.

Sept 21: Southampton go 1-0 up on Napoli in home first-leg of

soccer. Football League announce season's receipts so far are more than £200,000 up on same period last year — and Saturday-match gates are 271,257 up.

Sept 25: Crowd-violence flares up again — Chelsea fans wreck a coach on North-bound train, and get involved in stone-throwing battle during game at Blackpool. Dad wins Battle of Docherty's at Maine Road — where Tommy's United beat City, with son Mick in defence, by 3-1. Italy, England's World Cup opponents spell out warning with 3-0 friendly win over Yugoslavia.

Sept 27: Don Revie announces 24-man squad for next month's vital World Cup qualifier with Finland — with no uncapped players. Notable omission is Stan Bowles, currently in goal-happy form.

Sept 28: Liverpool, winning 5-0 away, cruise through to Second Round of European Cup on 7-0 aggregate over Crusaders. Leeds sign Burnley's Ray Hankin for £180,000.

Sept 29: Rangers go out of European Cup 1-2 on aggregate to F.C. Zurich — while, completing a black night for Glasgow, Celtic are eliminated 4-2 by Wisla Krakow in U.E.F.A. Cup. Better fortunes for Edinburgh — Hearts (Cup-Winners) and Hibs (U.E.F.A.) both progress. Southampton through, but Cardiff out, in Cup-Winners' Cup. Juventus dispose of Manchester City in U.E.F.A. Cup — but Manchester United, Derby, and Q.P.R. (with another hat-trick from Bowles) all march on.

Sept 30: End-of-month transfer explosion — with strikers top-priority! Sunderland pay club-record £200,000 for Leicester's Bob Lee, while Spurs splash out similar sum for Palace's Peter Taylor. Also on the move — Jimmy Neighbour (Spurs to Norwich; £80,000).

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FC Basle 3, GL

Scotland 6, Finland 0 ... Eddie Gray lifts an arm after his namesake Andy Gray had scored the Scots' last goal.

World Round-up

(** indicates World Cup)

Full:

ENGLAND 1, EIRE 1
SCOTLAND 6, Finland 0.
Australia 0, Hong Kong 1
Australia 2, Hong Kong 1
Austria 3, Switzerland 1
Bulgaria 2, Turkey 2
**Canada 1, U.S.A. 1
Costa Rica 2, Brazil 1
Denmark 3, Norway 0
Denmark 1, France 1
Denmark 0, Italy 1
East Germany 1, Hungary 1
**Finland 7, Luxembourg 1
Finland 2, Turkey 1
Greece 0, Israel 1
**Iceland 0, Belgium 1
**Iceland 0, Holland 1
Iceland 3, Luxembourg 1
Italy 3, Yugoslavia 0
**Norway 1, Switzerland 0
Norway 3, Sweden 2
Sweden 6, Finland 0
Sweden 1, Hungary 1
Sweden 3, Norway 0
Switzerland 2, Bulgaria 2

Under-23:

Denmark 0, East Germany 5
Finland 1, Russia 1
Finland 1, Sweden 3
Russia 2, Hungary 1

Under-21:

Denmark 0, Norway 2
Finland 1, Czechoslovakia 1
France 1, Bulgaria 1
Hungary 1, East Germany 2

EURO CUPS

CHAMPIONS:

LIVERPOOL 2, CRUSADERS 0
CRUSADERS 0, LIVERPOOL 5
RANGERS 1, FC Zurich 1
FC Zurich 1, RANGERS 0
DUNDALK 1, PSV Eindhoven 1
PSV Eindhoven 6, DUNDALK 0

CUP-WINNERS':

SOUTHAMPTON 4, Olympique Marseille 0
Olympique Marseille 2, SOUTHAMPTON 1
Lokomotive Leipzig 2, HEARTS 0
HEARTS 5, Lokomotive Leipzig 1
CARDIFF 1, Dinamo Tbilisi 0
Dinamo Tbilisi 3, CARDIFF 0
CARRICK RANGERS 3, Aris Bonnevoie 1
Aris Bonnevoie 2, CARRICK RANGERS 1
BOHEMIANS 2, Esbjerg 1
Esbjerg 0, BOHEMIANS 1

UEFA

DERBY 12, FINN HARPS 0
FINN HARPS 1, DERBY 4
MANCHESTER CITY 1, Juventus 0
Juventus 2, MANCHESTER CITY 0
Ajax 1, MANCHESTER UNITED 0
MANCHESTER UNITED 2, Ajax 0
Q.P.R. 4, Brann Bergen 0
Brann Bergen 0, Q.P.R. 7
CELTIC 2, Wisla Krakow 2
Wisla Krakow 2, CELTIC 0
HIBERNIAN 1, FC Sochaux 0
FC Sochaux 0, HIBERNIAN 0
GLENORAN 3, FC Basle 2
FC Basle 3, GLENORAN 0

TOP SCORERS

Division One

10: Gray (Aston Villa)
7: Latchford (Everton)
6: Ferguson (Coventry), Pearson (Man. Utd.)

Division Two

9: Hales (Charlton)
8: McNeil (Hereford)
7: Evans (Cardiff), Rafferty (Carlisle)

Division Three

9: Rowland (Bury)
8: Eccles (Mansfield), Richardson (Gillingham), Wyde (Sheffield Wed.)

Division Four

10: Daniels (Stockport)
7: Kellow (Exeter)
6: Biley (Cambridge), Garwood (Colchester)

HAT-TRICK HEROES

Aug 24
JENKINS 3 (Watford v. Hartlepool; Div 4; home)
Aug 28
BOULTON 3 (Torquay v. Doncaster; Div 4; away)
Aug 30
GARWOOD 3 (Colchester v. Millwall; League Cup; home)
Sept 4
GRAY 3 (Villa v. Ipswich; Div 1; home)
McNEIL 3 (Hereford v. Burnley; Div 2; home)
Sept 10
HALES 3 (Charlton v. Luton; Div 2; home)
Sept 11
ASHCROFT 4 (Wrexham v. Chesterfield; Div 3; away)
INGRAM 3 (Bradford City v. Stockport; Div 4; home)
DANIELS 3 (Stockport v. Bradford City; Div 4; away)
Sept 14
BRUCE 3 (Preston v. Port Vale; Div 3; home)
Sept 15
HECTOR 5 (Derby v. Finn Harps; U.E.F.A. Cup; home)
GEORGE 3 (Derby v. Finn Harps; U.E.F.A. Cup; home)
JAMES 3 (Derby v. Finn Harps; U.E.F.A. Cup; home)
BOWLES 3 (Q.P.R. v. Brann Bergen; U.E.F.A. Cup; home)
Sept 25
ROWLAND 3 (Bury v. Peterborough; Div 3; home)
Sept 29
BOWLES 3 (Q.P.R. v. Brann Bergen; U.E.F.A. Cup; away)

TURNSTILE TOLL

AT THE TOP —

60,743: Man. Utd. v. Spurs.
58,938: Man. Utd. v. Ajax.
58,898: Man. Utd. v. Birmingham.
(76,500: Liverpool v. Southampton; Wembley; F.A. Charity Shield; Aug 14)

and AT THE BOTTOM

1,069: Southport v. Torquay.
1,313: Southport v. Newport.
1,393: Halifax v. Hartlepool.

Scottish BEST

57,000: Celtic v. Rangers.



BOB LEE



BILLY BREMNER

SIX-FIGURE SELLS

ALEX CROPLEY (Arsenal to Aston Villa; £125,000).
RAY HANKIN (Burnley to Leeds; £180,000).
DAVID JOHNSON (Ipswich to Liverpool; £200,000).
BOB LEE (Leicester to Sunderland; £200,000).
MALCOLM MACDONALD (Newcastle to Arsenal; £333,000).
PETER TAYLOR (Crystal Palace to Spurs; £200,000).
TERRY YORATH (Leeds to Coventry; £135,000).

— AND OTHERS ON THE MOVE

KEN BEAMISH (Blackburn to Port Vale).
PAUL BRADSHAW (Burnley to Sheffield Wednesday).
BILLY BREMNER (Leeds to Hull).
MIKE BROLLY (Bristol City to Grimsby).
PHIL BURROWS (Plymouth to Hereford).
VIV BUSBY (Fulham to Norwich).
DEREK CLARKE (Oxford to Orient).
JOHN CONNOLLY (Everton to Birmingham).
JIMMY CONWAY (Fulham to Manchester City).
JOHN COTTAM (Nottingham Forest to Chesterfield).
MIKE CZUCZMAN (Grimsby to Scunthorpe).
TERRY DOLAN (Huddersfield to Bradford City).
TOM FINNEY (Sunderland to Cambridge).
ALAN FOGGON (Manchester United to Sunderland).
DAVE HATTON (Blackpool to Bury).
PAT HOWARD (Newcastle to Arsenal).
PHIL HUBBARD (Grimsby to Lincoln).
KEVIN JOHNSON (Hartlepool to Huddersfield).
ALAN JONES (Halifax to Chesterfield).
CHRIS JONES (York to Huddersfield).
GLENN KEELEY (Newcastle to Blackburn).
EDDIE KELLY (Arsenal to Q.P.R.).
TED MacDOUGALL (Norwich to Southampton).
TERRY MANCINI (Arsenal to Aldershot).
EDDIE MAY (Wrexham to Swansea).
JIM McDONAGH (Rotherham to Bolton).
BOB McDONALD (Aston Villa to Coventry).
RAY McHALE (Halifax to Swindon).
MALCOLM MOORE (Hartlepool to Workington).
IAN MOORES (Stoke to Spurs).
JIMMY NEIGHBOUR (Spurs to Norwich).
GORDON NISBET (West Bromwich to Hull).
TONY RHODES (Halifax to Southampton).
JOHN ROBERTS (Birmingham to Wrexham).
JOHN RYAN (Luton to Norwich).
BARRY SIDDALL (Bolton to Sunderland).
GORDON SMITH (St. Johnstone to Aston Villa).
DAVE STRINGER (Norwich to Cambridge).
RICHARD TEALE (Q.P.R. to Fulham).
TOMMY TYNAN (Liverpool to Sheffield Wednesday).
IAN WALLACE (Dumbarton to Coventry).
PETER WITHE (Birmingham to Nottingham Forest).
DAVID YOUNG (Charlton to Southend).

QUOTE of the MONTH

"There has been so much talk about skill that we have forgotten what real skill is. It isn't about over-elaboration. It's just about doing the simple things very well."

— Middlesbrough manager JACK CHARLTON

ODD SPOT

● It was announced at the start of the West German season that advertising revenue would bring in almost one million pounds to the Bundesliga's 18 clubs during 1976-77.
● Commented Arsenal manager Terry Neill: "It's a very interesting idea which needs careful examination. British clubs would once have rejected slogans on shirts and that sort of thing out of hand but, if permitted, nowadays most would certainly consider it."
● If it had been allowed over here, what a chance for Arsenal to get back some of that £333,000 transfer-fee by having their formidable number nine bearing the slogan ... "I'm Supremacy — Fly Me!"

MANAGER MERRY-GO-ROUND

IN —

BILL DODGIN (Brentford)
ALAN OAKES (Chester)

— and OUT

JOHN DOCHERTY (Brentford)
KEN HALE (Hartlepool)
KEN ROBERTS (Chester)
JOE SHAW (Chesterfield)

LAST LINE: "He's easily the most creative player on our books. When the so-and-so isn't creating about his wages, he's on about his bonuses, his clubhouse, a testimonial, a transfer ..."

Ten goals for 'Cobblers'

As a keen Northampton fan, I'd like to know their record Football League victory and defeat?

MAXIM CHAN,
NORTHAMPTON

● 10-0 each time. Maxim, and both in the old Third Division (South).

They lit the fireworks under Walsall on Guy Fawkes Day, 1927; while the defeat was against Bournemouth on 2nd September, 1939.

After that, Northampton never played another Football League game for seven years!

But the reason wasn't that they were so choked at losing 10-0 — just that World War Two instead kicked-off next day.

Hot-shot Greaves

Can you tell me how many goals Jimmy Greaves scored in first-class football?

PETER ELLISTON,
BURY St. EDMUNDS

● 491 was the grand — very grand! — total when this brilliant goal-grabber decided to call it a day at the end of the 1970-71 season, Peter.

Here's how Jimmy slotted 'em in — 357 in the First Division; 44 in full England internationals; 35 in the F.A. Cup; 13 for England Under 23 XI; 10 in the European Cup Winners' Cup; 9 in the Italian League; 7 in the Football League Cup; 6 in representative Inter-League games; 3 in the European Fairs Cup; 2 in F.A. Charity Shield games; 2 for the "Rest of Europe" XI; 2 for England XI v. England Under 23 XI; 1 for England XI v. Football League XI.

Workington record

Noticing Workington's poor attendances, I've been wondering what's their best-ever gate?

P. MOTT,
CROYDON

● It was for a Third Round F.A. Cup tie against Manchester United on 4th January, 1958.

Workington did quite well in holding United to 3-1 — but even more satisfactory was their bumper crowd of 21,500 which all but burst the seams of Borough Park.

Sadly, this past season, many of their gates have been over 20,000 less.

Stamford Bridge Finals

I've been told Chelsea once played in an F.A. Cup Final on their own ground. Is it true?

STACEY GAINHARI,
GUILDFORD.

● No, Stacey, though the last three Finals before Wembley was opened in 1923 were played on their ground at Stamford Bridge.

In these, Villa beat Huddersfield, Spurs beat Wolves, and Huddersfield beat Preston — all by 1-0.

Chelsea were beaten by Villa in the Semi-Finals in 1920 — but, had they won, the Final venue would probably have been switched elsewhere.

ASK THE EXPERT

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"Babes" in Caps

Can you tell me the ages of the youngest players to play for each of the four Home countries?

DAVID SHIPTON,
SHREWSBURY.



● These are the four, David, and the ages at which they won their first full cap:

England — Duncan Edwards (above, 18 years/183 days); Scotland — (See Short Passes).

Northern Ireland — Norman Kernaghan (17 years/80 days).

Wales — John Charles (18 years/71 days).

And Johnny Giles was the youngest for the Republic of Ireland at 18 years/361 days.

Aston Villa Roots

Who did Aston Villa play in their very first League game?

ALAN BELL,
CARLISLE.

● Wolves it was, Alan — on 8th September, 1888, the day the first League games of all time were played — and that one ended all-square at 1-1.

The following Saturday, though, Villa's first home League game saw them trouncing Stoke 5-1.

Frank goes on and on

I'd like to know who was the oldest man playing regularly in the English First Division during the 1976-77 season?

DAVID JONES,
GRIMSBY

● Although clubs and players are sometimes a wee bit cagey about revealing exact ages, David, I reckon it's pretty safe to put your money on Q.P.R.'s Frank McLintock.

Frank — who made his League debut with Leicester back in the 1959-60 season, and later skippered Arsenal in their wonderful "Double" campaign of 1970-71 — was 37 on 28th December.

He played his last match v. Birmingham at Loftus Road on May 23rd — well behind Stan Matthews who played his final First Division game (for Stoke against Fulham on 6th February, 1965) five days after his FIFTIETH birthday!

Solid defences

Can you tell me which English or Scottish club has gone the greatest number of League games without giving away a single goal?

GRAHAM SCOTT,
DUNDEE.

● Afraid I can't stick my neck out and say I'm 100 per cent sure, Graham — though a couple of clubs have gone 11 games without conceding a goal, and I think my money would be on them.

These two were Millwall in the old Third Division (South) in 1925-26, and York in the Third Division in 1973-74.

In the Third Division (North) in 1953-54, incidentally, Port Vale prevented the opposition scoring in 30 of their 46 games — though without as many Millwall or York actually "on the trot".

Exit Stanley

When did Accrington Stanley drop out of the Football League, and who replaced them?

MICHAEL MORRIS,
SHEFFIELD.

● Accrington, one of the League's original 12 clubs in 1888, resigned through severe financial problems in March, 1962, Michael.

As they weren't able to complete that season's full programme of matches, other team's results against them were scrubbed out — so the final Fourth Division table saw each having played only 44 games instead of the scheduled 46.

Oxford United were elected to replace Accrington the following season.

United at Maine Road

Is it true Manchester United had to play all their games away from home one season?

GRAHAM MARTIN,
PORTSMOUTH.

● Well, you could put it that way, Graham — and it wasn't just one season, either.

What happened was that Old Trafford was almost completely destroyed by bombing — and so, until it was rebuilt, United had to play their home games on Manchester City's ground at Maine Road for the first three seasons after the War.

The start of F.I.F.A.

Can you tell me when F.I.F.A. was founded, who were the first members, and how many there are now?

MURTAZADI BIN AMRAN,
WEST MALAYSIA.

● F.I.F.A. (Federation of International Football Associations) was founded in Paris on 21st May, 1904 by the national Football Associations of France, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. There are now 142 member-nations.

'Hornet' Jennings

I'm a great fan of Spurs, and especially Pat Jennings. Can you tell me what he did before he joined our club?

DAVID MATTHEWS,
ASHFORD.



● Well, David, Pat's (above) been there a long time now — since June, 1964, in fact.

He cost £27,000 from Watford, which has proved a huge bargain even by those days' lower prices.

Watford (nicknamed The Hornets) spotted him when he played for the Northern Ireland Youth team in a tournament in Bognor Regis.

They promptly snapped him up — and he'd played 48 League games for them, and already won his first two full caps, when he signed for Spurs.

SHORT PASSES

● Bolton's Peter Thompson played 322 League games for Liverpool, scoring 42 goals. He gained 16 full England caps.

(ELIZABETH MATTHEWS,
Manchester)

● The international strip of Zambia is Green jerseys, Orange shorts, and Black stockings.

(RONNY JOHANSEN, Norway)

● Bobby Charlton scored 198 League goals for Manchester United, and 49 in full England internationals.

(PETER DAVIDSON, Cumbria)

● Denis Law (at 18 years, 236 days) was Scotland's youngest-ever full international.

(DAVID MEYER, Edinburgh)

● Gordon Hill played 86 League games (20 goals) for Millwall before joining Manchester United on 13th November, 1975.

(KAREN HISEMAN, London, W.7)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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WORLD CUP PREVIEW

Iceland v. N. Ireland

NORTHERN IRELAND shook world soccer when they went to Rotterdam and held mighty Holland to a 2-2 draw in their World Cup qualifying tie. That result, not too dented by defeat in Belgium, has left the Irish soaring with confidence, but they shouldn't celebrate too soon . . . that's the warning from Iceland skipper Johannes Edvaldsson.

Celtic's versatile star returns to his homeland for this tie in Reykjavik on Saturday (June 11th) and he is confident his country can shock Danny Blanchflower's boys.

"We always seem to be a very under-rated side," says Johannes, "but we have many good players in Iceland. Okay, I'll admit our record may not be too impressive, but it is improving all the time."

"Last season Celtic were good enough to allow me to play for my country twice . . . in the ties against Holland and Belgium. We lost both games 1-0 and I think we were fairly impressive."

"After all, Holland can go to Wembley and beat England 2-0, but they cannot score two goals against us!"

"We will be looking for a win in this game and although we respect Northern Ireland we will not be afraid of them. Look at it this way. This is a home tie for us."

McIlroy may play too. I can show him the Scottish Cup winners' medal I received this season when we beat Rangers 1-0 in the Final and he can show me the one he picked up when his side beat Liverpool 2-1 in their Final!

"This is going to be a good game. It is very important we sustain the increase in our overall performance. Gone are the days when Iceland could be hammered both home and away."

"When clubs come to face us they cannot do so with confidence anymore. We are learning all the time and we are growing up in world football. We will want to prove that against Northern Ireland."

Edvaldsson is just the player to lead his country out of the soccer wilderness. He is their biggest sports hero for years and last season he was voted their Personality of the Year.

He has the uncanny ability of popping up in the most unexpected places to make life extremely difficult for defenders. During the term with Celtic he has proved his versatility by playing in a wide range of positions.

Johannes Edvaldsson (right) and Sammy McIlroy (below) can compare Cup winners' medals in Iceland.



Iceland could make it hot for the Irish

We MUST go out and attack. What is the point of defending on your own territory?

"I don't know who will be in goal for Ireland, but I would like it to be Pat Jennings. We all know about Jennings in Iceland. He has been a great servant to Spurs, although it was sad to see such a famous club relegated at the end of the season."

"He has proved his ability over the years and it would be good for my countrymen to see him in 'live' action. And I can assure you if he plays he will get a lot to do!"

"What about George Best? It's a pity he's in Los Angeles. According to reports he showed some of his old form against the Dutch. I read somewhere he put the ball through the legs of Johan Neeskens TWICE in that match. He must have been on form!"

"It would have been good, too, for George to play in Iceland. Our fans would have appreciated his skills . . . we like to play good soccer in Iceland."

"Manchester United's Sammy



Johannes played at centre-half when Roddie MacDonald was injured, but he still managed time to add his power to the attack.

In the Cup Final against Rangers he was sent out to shadow Derek Johnstone and rarely has the Ibrox dangerman been so quiet.

Possibly an Irish player will get first hand evidence of Edvaldsson's close marking ability, but Pat Jennings, too, should beware when the big, blond ace saunters upfield for dead-ball situations.

Goalkeepers in Scotland will vouch for his sharpness . . . and one moment's hesitation on Saturday could cost Northern Ireland two very valuable World Cup points.

HOW THEY STAND IN GROUP 4

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Holland	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
Belgium	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
N. Ireland	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Iceland	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

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This week's Star Letter comes from Kevin Forsyth of Long Itchington near Rugby, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

THANKS, WEMBLEY FANS

AS A Liverpool fan I was naturally disappointed when we lost to Manchester United at Wembley ... even though The Reds' victory in Rome a few days later made up for this.

But I'm writing not to praise the players or the quality of the football in the F.A. Cup Final.

I want to say how magnificent both sets of supporters were. They behaved immaculately and gave the Final a magical atmosphere.

They set an example to the hooligan minority and showed what TRUE fans are like.

One particular moment deserves special mention. When United's followers gave Liverpool a standing ovation.

Once again, thanks to all the fans concerned.



● How nice to be able to print a letter like this. I'd like to add SHOOT's praise to the Wembley supporters; also, to the well-behaved Liverpool fanatics who cheered their heroes to European Cup glory in Rome. Liverpool — and their fans — are Champions in every way.

Sexton Correct

GLANCING through some old SHOOTs I noticed the headline "Talented Butch".

The article went on to say: "After only six League appearances, Ray 'Butch' Wilkins has been described by his Chelsea boss Dave Sexton as an 'inside-forward in the Johnny Haynes and Johnny Giles mould'."

This has certainly proved to be so after Ray's performances in the past year.

RUSSELL STANLEY,
DARWEN.

● Ray was superb as he led Chelsea back to Division One.

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Pen-Pals

WE are two female football fanatics living in Sydney, Australia, who would like English or Scottish pen-pals.

Kath (19) supports Chelsea and Leeds, works in a record company and is studying for her ref's exam.

Christi (22) is an Everton and Chelsea fan, a photographer who plays in a mixed team.

We will be in the U.K. during January, 1978.

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AUSTRALIA.

Good Read

MY friend and I went to see Bo'ness United play against Linlithgow Rose in the East Region League Div A in Scotland and took a stack of SHOOTs to read.

One of the Bo'ness players, Ian Millar, saw them ... started to read them ... and quickly gave them to his team-mates.

"I'll have to start getting this," he said. "I haven't had such a good read for ages."

Your magazine seems to have made an impact on the team ... but not their football.

They lost 3-0!

GORDON ALLAN,
BO'NESS.

● I suppose Linlithgow ROSE to the occasion.

Injuries

DON Revie wanted to use the British Championship and tour of South America to get his World Cup team finalised.

How can he, with John Gidman, Roy McFarland and Gerry Francis all injured?

There are others, too, who could still be called upon.

I don't think Revie is anywhere nearer to finalising his side than he was three years ago when he took over.

D. FRIDAY,
ELTHAM.

● I agree Revie should have been more advanced by now. At the same time, injuries HAVE wrecked his plans. It is silly to suggest he should go ahead without these players, but the absentees don't make the job of getting the right blend any easier. Francis and Gidman look "certs" for next season — or will more injuries to other players occur?

AFTER playing the opening match of our South American tour against Brazil, it's next stop Argentina for a game with the host country of the 1978 World Cup Finals.

This is the most important stage of our trip down South America way because the experience will stand us in good stead if we succeed in qualifying for next year's World Cup Finals.

It'll be a big advantage to know exactly what to expect in the way of playing styles, pitches, stadiums,

and crowd behaviour — as well as hotel accommodation, food and climate.

Being able to acclimatise yourself quickly to a new country is essential to a professional in the top flight.

What many people at home fail to realise is that it is now winter in the Argentine, and we won't be playing

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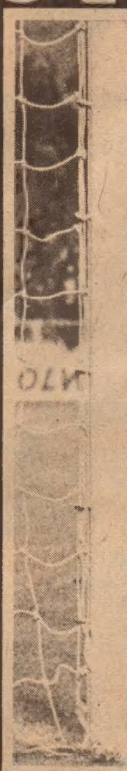


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in boiling heat under blue skies. But don't imagine it'll be freezing with everything covered in snow. I believe their winters are fairly mild.

An objective of ours is to restore good relations with the Argentinians, who were furious at the sending off of their captain, Antonio Rattin, during the 1966 World Cup Quarter-Final game at Wembley, which England won 1-0, and Sir Alf Ramsey's reference to "animals".

We went part-way to repairing the rift between our two nations in the 2-2 draw with them in a friendly played at Wembley before the 1974 World Cup Finals.

purpose is to establish us as a well-balanced, organised unit with confidence in ourselves and each other.

We want to create the same understanding we had when we finished the American Bicentennial tour last summer. Then, it enabled us to beat Finland 4-1 away in Helsinki.

Own Efforts

Obviously it will help our cause if the Italians fared less well than us in Helsinki on June 8th, but we want to get to Argentina through our own efforts, and that means beating Enzo Bearzot's team at Wembley in November.

with their abilities.

Even when top footballers feel their age and quit soccer, they can still become well-paid coaches or managers or continue playing in some other "emergent" country, such as South Africa and the U.S.A.

The cream of the cricketers in England — and Australia, the world's leaders in that sport — do not enjoy big money, and I'm convinced it is for purely financial reasons that Tony Greig and his associates have decided to sign up for a "Rest of the World" team due to play Australia in a series of matches later this year.

I don't blame any sportsman seiz-

ing the opportunity to earn enough to give him a measure of security.

Like me, Tony Greig found himself at a crossroads in his career. I suppose that uppermost in his mind was the realisation he had to capitalise on his ability and fame, make a move that would put him in the big money bracket, whereas I was not under such pressure, but needed the challenge of a new arena to conquer.

I'm a great admirer of Tony Greig. Although a South African, he has dedicated himself to England.

Those of us who've seen the development of team tennis — greeted with an uproar, but now universally accepted — are certain that in time a compromise will be reached and that "cricket circuses" will receive official blessing.

A. Foster of Guildford, Surrey, is aware our 'keeper Ray Clemence, Southampton's Mel Blyth and I have all been on Scunthorpe United's books, but wonders whether we all played together there in the same team.

A Star

Ray had left the club for Liverpool almost two years before I joined, and although Mel was there at the same time as me, he was the star of the first team while I played in the reserves.

By the time I won promotion, Mel had also moved on — to Palace.

John Daly, from Cork City, Ireland, harks back to our F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay against fellow Merseysiders Everton: "From listening to the radio, it seemed to me the shove by Mike Pejic on David Johnson was the type that occurs frequently. If penalties were awarded for every one, we'd have about ten in every match!"

You may be right, John, but according to the strict letter of the Law, the referee was right in awarding us a spot-kick.

I popped into the Everton dressing-room after the game and found them still complaining about it. "Technically it was a penalty," Bruce Rioch said to me. "But it's the sort that's rarely given."

I do disagree heartily with those who claim we wouldn't have beaten Everton without the benefit of it. In the first game we were lucky to survive to fight another day. But it was our turn to be the better team in the replay — and we took full advantage of it by scoring two more goals.

Incidentally, when Phil Neal scored from the spot, it was his 12th goal of the season, and established him as Liverpool's highest scoring full-back in a season.

Stand by next week for my account of our narrow Cup Final defeat against Manchester United and the tremendous European Cup triumph in Rome when we became only the third British side to capture the most prized club trophy.

'STOP ARGENTINA'



'We drew 2-2 with Argentina in a friendly'

I was very impressed with Ayala, Houseman and Babington. Ayala, I know, is now playing in the Spanish League, and won't be lining-up against us, as the Argentinian manager has decided to recruit only from home-based players.

Our next match will be against Uruguay, a much smaller country that adjoins the Argentine. This means we won't have far to travel.

Uruguay intrigues me, both as a country and as a football force. I'm completely ignorant of its history, people, traditions, terrain and industry. It'll be fun finding out.

I'm a born globe-trotter and never cease to thank football for allowing me to travel the world. By the time I retire there'll be few places where the Keegan boots haven't kicked a ball.

For the Uruguayan team only pride will be at stake, for they have already failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

Although it's important to obtain good results on our tour, its main

Before I pack my typewriter away with the rest of my luggage, I've time and space to answer a selection of letters that kind secretary, Nina, in the Liverpool office, sorted out for me from the enormous mound I've received at the end of my most successful, and final, season with the club.

First, there's one on a topical subject which has parallels with my own situation. It's from a reader in Yorkshire — my home county — Ian Stanley of Catterick, who wants to know my feelings on the chances of a "football circus" being set up in the future, similar to the cricket one that Tony Greig has helped to organise in Australia.

I doubt it, Ian, mainly because the world's top footballers are paid so much more than their equivalents in the bat and ball game they do not feel the need to join something disapproved of by the powers-that-be to get rewards commensurate

'I admire Tony Greig'



Kevin Keegan

Argentina manager, CESAR LUIS MENOTTI, previews his country's matches with England and Scotland

SHOOT: Can you tell us what sort of team Argentina will be fielding for the England and Scotland matches? Will it be an experimental line-up?

MENOTTI: Yes, and no. Last August eight players from my World Cup squad were transferred to Europe, and this meant I had to start my preparation work all over again. I watched about 120 players from clubs all over the country and named 40 players in my preliminary squad. I've been encouraging these players to develop their individual skills, and to express their personalities on the field of play. Last month (May) I named my provisional squad of 22 for the World Cup, and the teams that take the field against England and Scotland will obviously be a little "experimental", but basically they'll be the players I expect to use in next year's World Cup.

SHOOT: Have you found good replacements for the players who went to Europe?

MENOTTI: In general, yes. But the departure of strikers Kempes and Scotta has left me with a problem. Without their attacking drive, we're rather like West Germany without Müller and Bonhof, or like the 1966 England side without Bobby Charlton. What I've got now is a number of young players with great potential, and my job is to accelerate their development so they can do a good job next year. You'll see a lot of these youngsters in action against England and Scotland. Even though our 'keeper Gatti is 31, the average age of the squad is just under 23. Perhaps we're still lacking an experienced "leader" in the team, but we aim to play a lot of preparation games against top-

class opposition so the youngsters can gain international experience very rapidly.

SHOOT: How important is it for Argentina to beat England and Scotland?

MENOTTI: Well, a couple of good results would be a good morale-booster for us, but the results aren't all that important at this stage of our preparation programme. The important thing is to establish a pattern of play and really get ourselves together as a team. In the England and Scotland games, I shall probably try to make one or two permutations in the attack to see if we really click. I know the fans and the Press always want good results, but, being

'OUR FANS



ABOVE . . . Two of Argentina's rising stars — Olguin (left) and Valencia (right).
BELOW . . . Argentina in training: Oviedo, Bertoni, Bravo, Pérez, Luque and Baley.



realistic, we haven't got to win anything until the World Cup starts.

SHOOT: How much do you know about the England and Scotland teams?

MENOTTI: Very, very little. Of course, I saw Scotland in the 1974 World Cup, so I know some of their players and something about their style of play. As for England, they weren't in the '74 World Cup, nor the Finals of the European Championship so I haven't seen anything of them. You tell me England aren't playing too well, and that surprises me. They have some excellent club sides, and I've always admired English football. I think that even an off-form England side will be

weather do you usually have in June?

MENOTTI: Cold. Usually between 40° and 50° in the day, and we often have heavy rain. Not always, but it's a fair possibility. So we could have heavy grounds both for these two games and for next year's World Cup.

SHOOT: What about security? A lot of people in Europe are very critical about the choice of Argentina as the venue for the World Cup because of the terrorism and violence.

MENOTTI: Well, it's a sad thing to say, but I think that few countries in the world are exempt from this sort of thing these days. I mean, the things we read in the papers make

London sound like a pretty dangerous place, but I expect you live a normal life, don't you? It's the same in Buenos Aires. We all get on with life perfectly normally, and football goes on just the same as ever. Our matches against the U.S.S.R. and Hungary went without a hitch, and I don't think the England and Scotland parties have any cause for worry.

SHOOT: The matches will be battles between two very different styles, won't they?

MENOTTI: Yes, the European and the American. Some people in Argentina think we should try to play like the Europeans, but I don't agree — it would be going against all the traditional assets of the

Argentinian footballer. Our players have got bags of talent, skill and personality and it would be criminal to try and adopt a style that isn't geared to exploiting these assets.

SHOOT: What do you think of European football?

MENOTTI: It's got a lot of very positive characteristics, but I think that at the moment it's lacking personality. France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, England, Poland, Czechoslovakia... there's little to choose between them. Even a relatively small footballing nation like the Republic of Ireland can hold its own on the European scene at the moment. The same thing is happening at club level, too. Real

INSIST ON ATTACK'

difficult to beat. You said Don Revie was manager, didn't you?

SHOOT: That's right. He had a lot of success at club level with Leeds, but he's finding it tougher as national team manager.

MENOTTI: I can understand that. There's a big difference, you know. In a club, you can get on quietly with your work, and this makes everything easier. Your players are with you every day. But in the national team everything you do is headline news, and your players are only with you for a few days at a time — then they're off to work for someone else again!

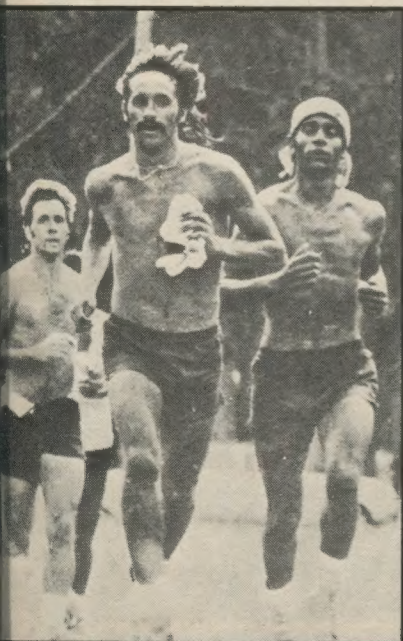
SHOOT: Are you popular with the Argentinian Press?

MENOTTI: I think so. They're very fair with me really. They praise me when the team plays well, and slate me when it plays badly! Some of my players think the Press should always try to praise the team, but I tell them it's better to let the Press be objective and have its own opinion.

SHOOT: Going back to the England and Scotland games, what sort of



ABOVE . . . Mario Kempes, now with Valencia in Spain, scores from the spot during the England/Argentina 2-2 draw at Wembley in May, 1974.
BELOW . . . Menotti has not seen Scotland in action recently, but studied them closely during the 1974 World Cup Finals. Here they are against Zaire.



Madrid, Bayern, St-Etienne . . . they've all come unstuck this year and there are lots of clubs in every League that are more or less on the same level.

SHOOT: Does that mean you fancy a South American side to win the World Cup?

MENOTTI: Yes. I don't know why, but European sides are never quite the same when they travel to South America — just the same as our teams are usually disappointing in Europe.

SHOOT: Brazil are a lot of people's favourites . . .

MENOTTI: Yes, they're still not playing well. They beat us twice last year, but both games were very even — in fact we deserved to win in Buenos Aires. But let's not kid ourselves. Brazil *always* have endless problems in the preparation for a World Cup. There are lots of pressure groups, and the Press stirs things up. But when the World Cup kicks-off, they'll be a good team, and they must be one of the favourites to win.

SHOOT: Apart from Brazil, England have also got a match in Uruguay. Were you surprised Bolivia knocked them out of the World Cup?

MENOTTI: Yes, I think everybody was! The problem is Uruguay are going through a time of crisis. They can't afford to pay their players, so the top names are leaving the country. Football really needs sorting out over there.

SHOOT: In Britain, we tend to think of Argentinian football as slow and basically defensive. Is this true?

MENOTTI: Definitely not. I reckon we've got an obligation to play attractive football. In the World Cup, defensive play will get you so far and no further. And as we'll be playing in front of our crowds, I think we must play good attacking stuff. Argentinian fans are very fussy about the type of football they watch, and if another team plays more attractive football than Argentina, they'll support the other team! There'll be big crowds for the England and Scotland games, and I must warn you any team that comes to play defensive football will get a real roasting from the fans!

ARGENTINA



BACK ROW: René Houseman (Club Atlético Huracán, 19), 23, position — right-winger, Daniel Klier (Racing, 27, stopper), Jorge Oigüín (San Lorenzo, 24, sweeper), Jorge Carrascosa (Huracán, 28, captain and left-back), Hugo Gatti (Boca Juniors, 31, goalkeeper), Alberto Tarantini (Boca Juniors, 21, right-back).
FRONT ROW: Américo Gallego (Newell's Old Boys, 21, midfielder), Osvaldo Ardiles (Huracán, 24, midfielder), Leopoldo Luque (River Plate, 27, central-striker), Ricardo Villa (Racing, 24, midfielder), Ricardo Bertonl (Independiente, 21, left-winger).

SHOOT!





Two promising young strikers in action John Doherty of
Aston Villa (left) and Spurs' Chris Jones.

SHOOT!

YOU ARE THE REF

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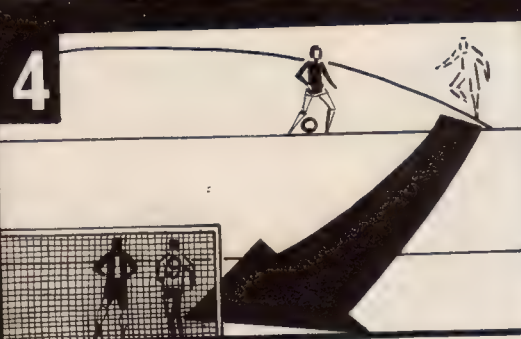


1 From a corner-kick the ball goes to the goalkeeper who punches it back to the corner-taker. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award a free-kick for offside or (c) drop the ball?

2 At half-time you notice a substitute warming up for play in the second-half by practising shooting into goal against his own goalkeeper. Do you (a) take no action, (b) caution the sub or (c) caution both players?



3 A defender takes the ball away from his own team-mate in the penalty-area. The team-mate objects and trips his colleague. After you have cautioned the second player for ungentlemanly conduct, do you restart with (a) a penalty-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a drop ball?



A: You award an indirect free-kick to the defending team just outside the penalty-area. An attacker runs into the area and stands next to the goalkeeper between the posts. You instruct him to leave the penalty-area.



B: When the kick is taken the ball is passed back to the goalkeeper. He tries to stop it but only succeeds in diverting the ball into the goal. You award a goal. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS

1. Take no action (a). The corner-taker is not offside because the ball was last played by a defender. 2. Take no action (a). The Laws do not forbid practice during the half-time interval. 3. Restart play with an indirect free-kick (b). 4. The problem is in A. The attacker is in order because he is more than ten yards from the ball and the free-kick is outside the penalty-area. In B a goal is the correct award.

SHOOT-IN AT STAN

Every week Stan Lover answers your letters on problems arising from all aspects of the Laws of the Game.

OFFSIDE ZONES

"Why do American soccer pitches have a line drawn across the field between the penalty-area and the half-way line?" asks Nigel Spurdle of Colchester.

Nigel refers to a photograph appearing in a previous edition of *SHOOT*, of the artificial pitch at the Kingdome Stadium, Seattle, where the Final of the North American Soccer League was played.

The answer is the line is 35 yards from the goal-line and offside is judged only in the space enclosed by this line and the goal-line. It is designed to discourage defenders from playing offside tactics near the halfway-line.

It reduces the bunching of the 20 outfield players into the centre of the field, which is often a feature of defensive League football.

It is one of a number of variations to the Laws of the Game which American soccer administrators have devised to make the game more exciting and attractive to American fans.

This idea is not new, having been tried, experimentally in other countries. Other attempts to reduce stoppages for offside have been to extend the 18-yard line to the touchlines and restrict calls for offside to those occurring within 18 yards from the goal-line.

A few years ago offside was considered only in the penalty-area, in the Metropolitan-London League for the best part of the season.

For one reason or another all these experiments have failed to convince the International F.A. Board that the existing field markings, or the Offside Law, needs to be changed.

One proposed change, which seems to be gaining support, is to say a player should not be penalised for offside, if he receives the ball direct from a free-kick awarded to his own team.

My own view is changes to the Laws should be considered only when there is clear evidence the existing Law is causing problems. Also, proposed changes should be studied by top coaches who would be required to state what the trend of positive and negative coaching tactics would be if a Law is altered.

HALF-TIME TEASER

In the 4th June issue our teaser asked whether a referee would be allowed to wear spectacles when controlling a match. Answer: Yes, but it is likely that he (or she) would be restricted to controlling junior soccer matches.

This week our teaser is: What is the referee's decision if the players of both teams want to change ends at half-time without an interval?

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DRUGS ACCUSATION BY BECKENBAUER

FRANZ BECKENBAUER (right) caused a storm before leaving West Germany for the United States by saying that top German stars used drugs.

The 31-year-old sweeper, now with the Cosmos, said: "Practically everything that will improve the performance and stamina of a player is allowed in the Bundesliga.

"Players are injected and take tablets.

"Several times I have had blood drawn from a vein and injected in my backside.

"This causes artificial inflammation with the red and white corpuscles multiplying to heighten my resistance."

Beckenbauer warned that not all these "methods" were harmless.

He said he'd noticed, particularly with Eastern European players, that they'd tire after 75 minutes of hard running.

"It is high time F.I.F.A. stopped concerning itself only with doping in the World Cup."

West Germany manager Helmut Schoen has strongly denied all his ex-captain's accusations.



THERE'S a scandal in Austria about bogus entrances to Rapid Vienna's ground which have been nicknamed "Mafia Turnstiles".

Apparently, some fans have been getting in for half-price, and the club claim it cost them £2,500 last season.

The police still haven't been able to crack this soccer crime.

ATLETICO CLINCH SPANISH TITLE

THE last-but-one day of the Spanish League programme was a torrid affair, with just about every club involved in title, U.E.F.A. Cup and relegation issues.

Atletico Madrid made sure of the title with a 1-1 away draw in the local derby against Real. Atletico took a first-half lead in a tension-packed game.

The highlight of the second-half was Roberto Martinez's equaliser for Real, followed by a superb display of ball-juggling by Atletico's Luiz Pereira.

The Real players were anxious to get on with the game and rushed to pick the ball out of the Atletico net — but Pereira got there first, picked the ball up, and kept a bevy of Real players at bay with a scintillating display of ball-juggling that would have done the Harlem Globetrotters proud.

Referee Carreira Abad spoiled the show by cautioning Pereira for time-wasting.

Incidentally, the draw gave Atletico their eighth Spanish League title in 41 years of competition. Despite the success, Atletico's 38-year-old manager, Luis Aragonés, still seems determined to leave at the end of the season.

HAAN'S RECORD

ANDERLECHT midfielder Arie Haan lost his incredible Cup Finals record when the Belgian side were beaten by Hamburger SV in the Cup-Winners' Cup last month.

Haan, 28, had played in 12 previous Finals and the game in Amsterdam (where he won so much glory with Ajax) was his FIFTH European Final.

He won three European Cup winners' medals with Ajax before moving to Anderlecht, who he helped to Cup-Winners' Cup glory last year.

Now, Haan's Euro Final record has gone. Oh, no prizes for guessing the OTHER Final Haan lost. West Germany 2, Holland 1... 1974 World Cup Final.

MARCIAL'S GOLDEN TRANSFER

BARCELONA'S Marcial (below) is one man who's convinced that every cloud has a silver lining.

The 30-year-old midfielder has never seen eye-to-eye with manager Rinus Michels, and a recent incident (Marcial, Neeskens and Rexach went to a discotheque without permission) brought matters to a head.

The club suspended Marcial and finally decided to give him a free transfer. Within hours, Marcial had signed for Champions Atletico Madrid!

Atletico were so delighted to sign the 15-times international for nothing that they're paying Marcial £130,000 for a two-year contract.

Marcial's grim season has had a happy ending.



WORLD WIDE



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WORLD CUP NEWS

FIFA's Referees Committee have drawn up a preliminary list of 80 officials who'll be considered as referees and linesmen for next year's World Cup Finals. Early next year, the list will be reduced to 30, and the referees selected will attend a special training course in Switzerland.

There'll definitely be dope tests during next year's World Cup Finals. The Argentinian authorities are already investigating different forms of testing, and West German experts are helping with the preliminary work.

IN CHILE, the manager of Deportes Concepcion, Nelson Oyarsun must have set up some sort of record. In his three months as Concepcion's manager, he tendered his resignation 25 times! On the 25th occasion, it was accepted.

JOHAN CRUYFF has "offered" to play in an exhibition game for Singapore against "anyone" — for a fee of £30,000.

In addition, the 30-year-old Barcelona star wants his "hosts" to provide board and lodgings for a party of ten.

NEW ZEALAND'S 12-team National League has been badly hit by falling attendances. Average gates for the first month of the League were down to 850 and the best crowd of the season after clubs were a third of the way through their programme was 3,000. In previous seasons, attendances have averaged 2,000 per match with 5,000-plus turning out for top clashes.

A **BRITISH** company, West Nally Ltd., will be responsible for promoting the 1978 World Cup mascot symbol.

The company have guaranteed Argentina a return of at least £1 million for the mascot (pictured).



LATEST standings in the North American Soccer League:

Eastern Division						
	W	L	F	A	B	Pts
Tampa Bay	6	1	18	4	15	51
Cosmos	5	3	5	10	15	45
Fort Lauderdale	4	2	10	9	9	33
Washington	3	3	8	7	8	26
Northern Division						
	W	L	F	A	B	Pts
St. Louis	3	4	7	10	7	25
Toronto	2	4	7	9	7	19
Rochester	2	3	4	6	4	16
Connecticut	0	5	4	17	4	4
Chicago	0	6	3	13	3	3
Southern Division						
	W	L	F	A	B	Pts
Dallas	4	3	14	11	14	38
Las Vegas	5	2	8	4	3	38
Los Angeles	4	2	15	6	12	36
San Jose	4	3	19	12	10	34
Hawaii	4	4	9	16	9	33
Western Division						
	W	L	F	A	B	Pts
Minnesota	4	2	10	5	10	34
Portland	3	4	11	12	11	29
Vancouver	3	3	8	7	8	26
Seattle	2	4	7	10	7	19

Teams are awarded six points for a win and none for a defeat. There are no draws — drawn games are decided by a sudden-death "shoot-out". Also, a bonus point is awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.

NEWS FLASHES

● John Mortimore has signed a new two-year contract as manager of Benfica.

● I hear former Luton Town midfielder Peter Anderson has had some trouble over his wages with the chairman of his Belgian club, Antwerp.

● For the first time in eight seasons, Dutch club Feyenoord won't be in Europe next term.

● The junior team of Iraq won an Asian tournament recently and president Ahmed Hassan Bakr gave each player a new car.

● Anderlecht are interested in Ajax striker Ruud Geels (28).

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'IT WILL SAVE CLUBS MONEY'

Derek Dougan

WHEN we met the League Management Committee in 1975 we were looking for complete freedom of contract with no compensation paid to clubs whose players moved on.

In the 26 months of negotiations since then, we've compromised and conceded and yet still the League chairmen won't agree to the deal we have thrashed out with the Management Committee.

What I think it really boils down to is there are a few mavericks about who consider it to be against their interests to implement it and they've convinced other clubs to think the same.

I can't understand the objections of the chairmen. In fact, it's they who should be pressing for this move more than us, because it will save clubs a lot of money.

What we are trying to do as a professional body is to take the heat out of the transfer system and

save clubs from irresponsible buying.

At the moment you get clubs chasing a title or fighting against relegation who spend out X number of thousands of pounds on a player who might not be in the side a year later.

We feel no industry can afford that kind of irresponsibility and if that's not protecting the interests of the club, I'd like to know what is.

The other thing people don't seem to realise about these proposals is it will only affect things if a player's contract is allowed to run out. Otherwise, the system will operate exactly as before, with clubs open to offers for contracted players.

I'm still hopeful the chairmen will see sense before the annual meeting next week and accept the proposals before then.

But the one question I would ask them to think over in the meantime is "Do they think the game is healthy at the moment?" To me, the answer is clearly no, and if they'll only look at it more closely they'd see the changes we are proposing are in the industry's interests.



Derek Dougan, chairman of the P.F.A. and player-manager of Kettering, in Southern League action against Bedford.

I'VE been dealing in industrial relations all my life and the first thing I want to make clear is that I'm not trying to kick this matter into touch.

It's got to be settled, and like most other chairmen, I accept freedom of contract has to come. But it has to be a sensible and satisfactory agreement and the one that has been put before us so far isn't.

In my experience of the car workers' industry, I at least found industrial relations to be very professionally handled. I'm afraid I can't say that for football.

The deal that has been proposed is far too complicated, a legal

FOOTBALLERS in this country have been fighting for freedom of contract — the right to move to another club when one contract is finished — for thirty years.

The latest agreement between the P.F.A., the players' union, and the League Management Committee, was rejected by the club chairmen on March 11. New proposals will now go before them at the

'PRESENT PROPOSALS A LEGAL NIGHTMARE'

nightmare.

I think the feeling among most clubs is there is no need for the multiplication factor, which determines how much compensation is to be paid.

Why can't clubs just be left to negotiate things between themselves as they always have done, rather than have something laid down?

It seems they are making a very simple thing very difficult. It's not as if the new arrangements would affect the status quo that much.

The only real change would be a player's right to be free to move at the end of his contract. While he is still attached to a club, any other club interested in him would have to be prepared to pay a transfer fee.

So you would still see big transfer deals taking place. We sold Jimmy Holmes to Spurs just before the March transfer deadline and the last meeting for £120,000. He was still under contract at the



Sir Jack Scamp

time, so even if we had freedom of contract then, we would still have been looking for the same kind of fee.

If his contract had been at an end, of course, under the new system Spurs would have got him a little cheaper.



Coventry City sold Jimmy Holmes to Spurs for around £120,000.

CONTRACT

players are fighting for

League's annual meeting on June 17.

Four important figures in the game discuss the next moves, and the implications of freedom of contract — Derek Dougan, chairman of the P.F.A., Sir Jack Scamp, chairman of Coventry City, Trevor Brooking of West Ham and England (also his club's union representative) and Gordon Jago, manager of Millwall.

towards certain clubs, who will have more select groups of players than other clubs. But even then there is no guarantee that they will have good teams.

There are plenty of instances of clubs now who have spent lots of money and it hasn't brought them success.

Whatever happens, I believe the League system will remain as it is, and there'll still be no easy games in the First Division.

If agreement isn't reached this month, then I don't know what the next step will be.

The P.F.A. feel they have bent over backwards to come to terms

'IMPORTANT FOR PLAYERS'

Trevor Brooking

ONE of the biggest fears of the people who are opposed to freedom of contract seems to be that a few clubs will end up with most of the good players.

I don't think that will necessarily happen because people have roots in certain areas and they're not just going to pack up their bags and go every time they finish a contract.

There's bound to be the odd individual who will try and abuse the system but that can happen just as easily now.

I could envisage a swing

with the League Management Committee and maybe now it's the Management Committee's turn to give a bit.

I personally see freedom of contract as an important thing for footballers because there aren't many professions these days where an individual doesn't have the right to move on after a certain amount of time.

But if there's no agreement in next week's meeting, I wouldn't like to say what would happen next.

There's been talk of the players going on strike but it's hard to envisage that. And it would certainly be a very sad day for the game.

If it did ever happen, we'd probably all end up playing in the park.



Trevor Brooking on the ball for West Ham against Leicester City.

'CLUBS LIKE MILLWALL WILL SUFFER'

I BELIEVE freedom of contract is both right and inevitable and I am sure it will be finalised at the League's annual meeting.

But having said that, I must also say I think it will make the rich richer and the poor poorer, and clubs like my own are bound to suffer.

In Holland, since freedom of contract, six to eight top teams have been formed and the rest of the clubs are nothing. Here, I think it will probably lead to a dozen top clubs playing in a Super League or whatever else you'd like to call it, and the rest of us will be feeder Leagues.

That's not necessarily a bad thing. Again taking the example of Holland, the accumulation of the top players at a few clubs has provided the international side with men who are used to playing with each other week in, week out.

What does concern me is we should have safeguards to prevent the system being abused. Obviously, clubs like Manchester United, Everton, Aston Villa or Liverpool with all their financial resources, would have no trouble attracting a kid from Millwall.

But unless there are some kind of protections for clubs like us — with heavy penalties for those who break the rules — nobody will bother with youth schemes any more.

One First Division manager said after the last meeting to discuss freedom of contract: "I could be



Gordon Jago

training a kid for Manchester United for all I know." That's the biggest problem for managers — developing youngsters with no guarantee they will be able to keep them.

There's got to be a major reorganisation of football in the next five years if the game is to stand any chance of surviving. Either we reorganise it ourselves beforehand, or freedom of contract will bring about the changes.

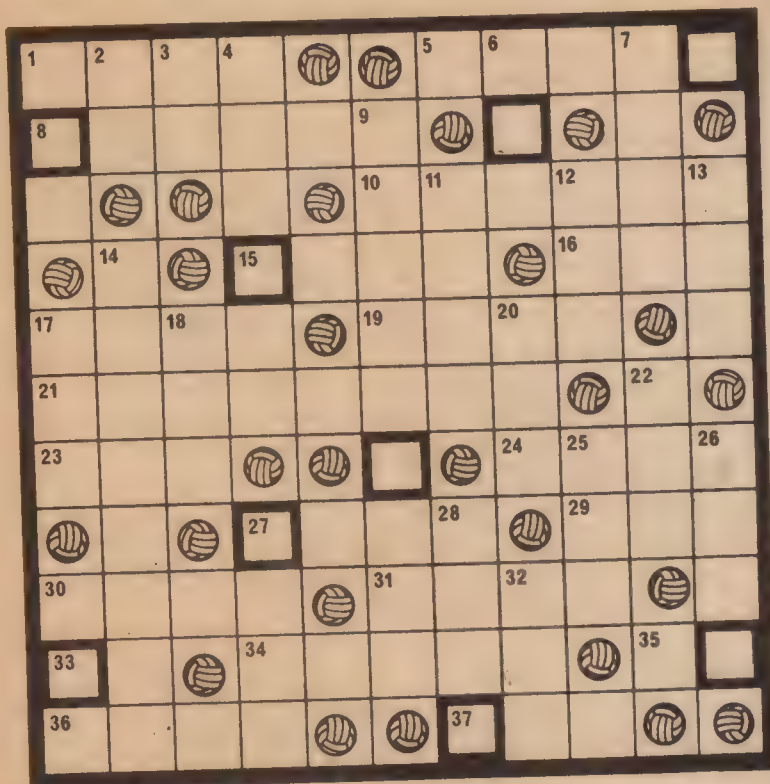
It will almost certainly mean some clubs going to the wall, but then there are too many professional clubs existing on the back of an overdraft or the generosity of their chairman. It will be sad to see them go but over the long term, we might come to see it as the best thing.



Chris Nicholl heads Aston Villa's first goal in a League Cup tie v. Millwall during last season.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester City striker. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:

- (1) -owdenbe---. Easy familiar talk from the missing letters.
- (5) It precedes stand for a place to sit!
- (8) Strive against or oppose.
- (10) Allan ---, Ipswich Town defender.
- (15) Look after --- as the goal!
- (16) Mel H-l-n of Sunderland.
- (17) ---m Ri-chi- (Bristol City).
- (19) On one's own
- (21) White ---, home of Spurs.
- (23) Glenn Ke---e, of Plymouth.
- (24) S---anr---r. Rip from the missing letters.
- (27) -righton and Hove -lbro- play at the Gold-tone Ground.
- (29) John M-ho-e- of Stoke City.
- (30) Eas-v---e Stadium of Bristol Rovers.
- (31) Trial or examination; of a new player, perhaps.
- (33) Steve K---don Wolves winger.
- (34) Overturn --- or an unexpected result!
- (35) Graeme S-u-ess of Middlesbrough.
- (36) Famous Brazilian goal ace.
- (37) Mike: -o-l- Manchester City captain.

DOWN:

- (1) ---stal Palace.
- (2) Mot-rwell, Scottish Premier Division club.
- (3) B---eball Ground, Derby County's home.
- (4) You will need one to get into the ground.
- (6) T---mere Rovers.
- (7) Require from four letters found in Ray K---n---y.
- (9) St. Johnstone are known as ---.
- (11) ---t--- Park home of West Ham.
- (12) -urf M---r, Burnley's ground.
- (13) Harry ---knapp, former Bournemouth player.
- (14) The ball has to cross it to make a score. (4-4).
- (17) John Mi-c---ll of Fulham.
- (18) Coven--- City.
- (20) Paul F---cher of Burnley.
- (22) One of those who closely follow the game, for instance.
- (25) Dennis Tu---r- of Manchester City.
- (26) John --- Norwich full-back.
- (27) Rangers colour.
- (28) Che-t-rfi-l-.
- (30) Predict, as of a club to win the Cup, perhaps.
- (32) Alex ---opne- of Manchester United.

my soccer scene GORDON HILL



RECENTLY I had a heart-stopping experience that I hope will never be repeated. I thought I'd lost one of my most treasured possessions . . . the F.A. Cup winner's medal I received from the Dutchess of Kent at Wembley on May 21st.

I'd planned to present it to my wife Jackie, complete with gold chain . . . but couldn't find it!

The last time I remember making sure the medal was in my pocket was at the after-match banquet held at the Royal Lancaster hotel in London.

For a while I even believed I had been the victim of a mean pick-pocket.

I was almost in tears. My moment of glory had been ruined. I had resigned myself to the fact my coveted medal had gone forever.

Then I had a phone call that sent me "over the moon".

My medal had been found, safe and sound.

Apparently, I had handed it to Jackie's mother at the dinner and asked her to keep it for me. In all the excitement and rush next day I had completely forgotten it.

Apart from "mislaying" my medal, I'll never forget that great day and victory over Liverpool, the

League Champions.

Wembley's Jubilee Final almost lived up to all expectations.

It was full of passion, excitement and good football. Watched by an estimated 400 million on TV throughout the world the game was a fine advert for all that's good in our game.

Many of you will remember the spirit in which it was played. The sportsmanship and the way the teams congratulated each other at the end.

Some reports said Liverpool were the better side and deserved victory.

Well, they are entitled to their opinions, of course, but few people I've spoken to begrudge United their triumph.

Let's face it, no one sympathised with United last year when we lost to Southampton.

Liverpool tried to play a waiting game, hoping for extra-time when their strength and experience might have given them a slight edge.

However, our magnificent defence held firm to win us the Cup.

Martin Buchan, Brian Greenhoff and young Arthur Albiston — not once did they falter.

Being substituted for the second



England defenders thwart an Argentinian attack during the 1966 World Cup Finals at Wembley.

realised the boss, Tommy Docherty, did what he thought was best for the whole team and it came off.

Immediately there was speculation about my future at United, but I'm glad to say I had a "clear the air" meeting with the gaffer and sorted everything out.

He told me that as long as he's manager at United there will be a

few plane loads of Liverpool and Man. U fans out here in South America to give the team some moral support in the World Cup "warm-up" tour.

As I write we haven't played Brazil, so I obviously can't comment on that match.

On Sunday (June 12th) England meet Argentina in Buenos Aires before completing the tour on Wednesday (June 15th) v. Uruguay in Montevideo.

said in 1966, the England lads expect a fairly hostile reception from the home crowd on Sunday.

Mind you, I don't think any of the players bear England any malice.

From what I've been told Argentina love to attack, so I hope Don Revie isn't faced with any more injury problems to his defenders. Before the British Championship, Dave Clement, John Gidman and Mick Doyle all had to withdraw

'I WAS ALMOST A WEMBLEY LOSER'



John Connelly (white shirt) in action against Uruguay again in the 1966 World Cup.

year in succession gave me some sort of a record I didn't want.

I was sick at being called off. It was a bitter blow to my pride.

To be honest, I had been expecting it. Some days before the Final a sixth sense told me that if anyone was going to be called off it would be me.

The fear of that could have affected my performance on the day. Although I'm not using that as an excuse.

I'll tell you this, though. Being subbed affected me afterwards. It put a damper on the after-match celebrations. I just couldn't get it out of my mind.

At first I was furious, but then

place in the team for me.

I'm about to sign a new contract and am looking forward to next season and the League title. Liverpool have had their day. Now it's United's turn.

But what a fantastic reception United got the day after the Final. Only those wonderful Merseyside fans could have beaten it. It seemed the whole of the North of England had crammed into the centre of Manchester.

England could certainly do with a

Many people wonder why England often have fine tours, like last year in the States, and then fail to produce the goods when it really matters at home.

Certainly the pressures aren't on so many players abroad. Critics don't expect England to win away, so often a draw is considered a good result.

At home every match must be won and won well.

But don't think England will be totally satisfied with just a draw against Argentina. I can assure you we will be doing our best to win!

I don't know much about Argentina except that England beat them 1-0 in the 1966 World Cup and drew 2-2 at Wembley in 1974.

I won't harp on 1966 and their sent-off skipper Rattin because that incident is best forgotten.

Argentina's 1974 performance is much clearer in my mind, anyhow, because I was at Wembley to see it.

What surprised me most was the sporting and entertaining way the Argentinians played. I suppose I had been brain-washed by all the stories I had read about them in the Press. How they hated England...

Nothing of the sort. It was a fine, entertaining match and if I remember rightly Argentina deservedly equalised in the very last minute from the penalty-spot.

Because of the things that were

because of injury.

It will be difficult beating Argentina, but a task not beyond England.

On Wednesday the party travel to meet Uruguay. Again I know very little about them except they were also England's World Cup opponents in 1966.

We drew 0-0 then, but beat them 2-1 in Montevideo three years later.

Obviously they will be trying very hard to beat us, because victory over England is still regarded as a major triumph in South America.

England can learn a great deal from this tour. The type of systems used, crowd reactions, climatic conditions and everything we are likely to face in the World Cup Finals.

Above all England must return a wiser, more experienced team and one looking capable of beating Italy at Wembley in November.

Results won't matter that much. Building and moulding a squad strong enough to go back to Argentina next year and do well is much more important.

All the best...

CHILE v. SCOTLAND

Santiago, June 15th

A SMALL boy had just been wheel-chaired unconscious out of a Chilean operating theatre. A wind-pipe operation was a tricky thing for a two-year-old. "I'm afraid your child will never be normal," the doctor told his mother. "And he'll never be able to do anything strenuous."

Twenty-eight years later, Elias Figueroa has recently won his second Brazilian Championship medal with Internacional of Porto Alegre.

He's been a star for Chile in the World Cup Finals and few people would dispute he is South America's top defender.

Scots face South America's top defender

On June 15th, Figueroa leads Chile against Scotland in Santiago.

If you can imagine the sort of adulation Kevin Keegan gets in England . . . Kenny Dalglish in Scotland . . . Franz Beckenbauer had in West Germany . . . Johan Cruyff in Spain . . . and you'll have an idea of how popular Elias Figueroa is in South America.

The 30-year-old defender has just signed for Palestino in his native Chile, a move which upset many Brazilians who had adopted Figueroa as a national hero.

And it isn't easy for a foreigner to be a hit in Brazil. They've been brought up on a diet of super-skilled home-grown stars and if others don't come up to scratch, they're quick to criticise the "imports".

At first, Brazilians questioned the wisdom of buying the Chilean, but Figueroa's attractive style soon made him an idol.

He was mobbed wherever he went. His house treated as a public monument. The government used Figueroa in all its anti-smoking campaigns. A Figueroa composition won a Song Contest in Vina del Mar last year. A book, entitled simply "Figueroa" was a sell-out in Brazil.

Looking back on his career in Brazil, which finished a few months ago as Internacional were crowned Champions again, Figueroa says: "I'm surprised at my popularity."

"I think Brazilians respected me because I take my football seriously. I always give 100 per cent."



The price of fame . . . Figueroa is surrounded by radio reporters after a game for Internacional.



Macuca of Chile in action against West Germany during the 1974 World Cup Finals.

"I suppose they also liked my attitude on the field. Defenders shouldn't be purely destructive — I think we should be looking for positive play at every opportunity."

"As for the poems and songs . . . well, I think it's important you fulfil yourself as a person. I don't believe I'll ever get used to being a big star, though."

As Figueroa explains, being in the public eye can have its drawbacks.

"I remember a terrible episode in 1973. It was when 'private' pictures of Jackie Onassis were being published."

The idea caught on in Brazil and some unscrupulous photographers with telephoto

lenses took pictures of me in my bedroom with no clothes on.

"I went with my family to a restaurant a few days later when my picture had appeared in the papers."

"A fat Italian woman shouted: 'A round of applause for the naked gentleman!' My face was still red at the end of the meal."

So why did Figueroa leave Brazil when he could still have done a good job for at least another two or three years?

"I feel I owe something to Chilean football. They've never forgotten me at home, even though I was away for ten years."

"In 1975 I scored the winner in the Brazilian Championship Final against Cruzeiro. They showed my header on Chilean television as one of their highlights of the year!"

"There was a problem as my contract with Internacional had another year to run."

"However, they realised how keen I was to go home and Palestino paid £150,000 for me — big money by Chilean standards."

Family life is also important to the South American ace.

"I have a wife, Marcela, whom I married when she was 16. We have a son, Ricardo and a daughter, Marcela."

"Money isn't everything. I was looking forward to a quiet life back in Chile."

Sadly, 1977 has not been an entirely happy year for Figueroa.

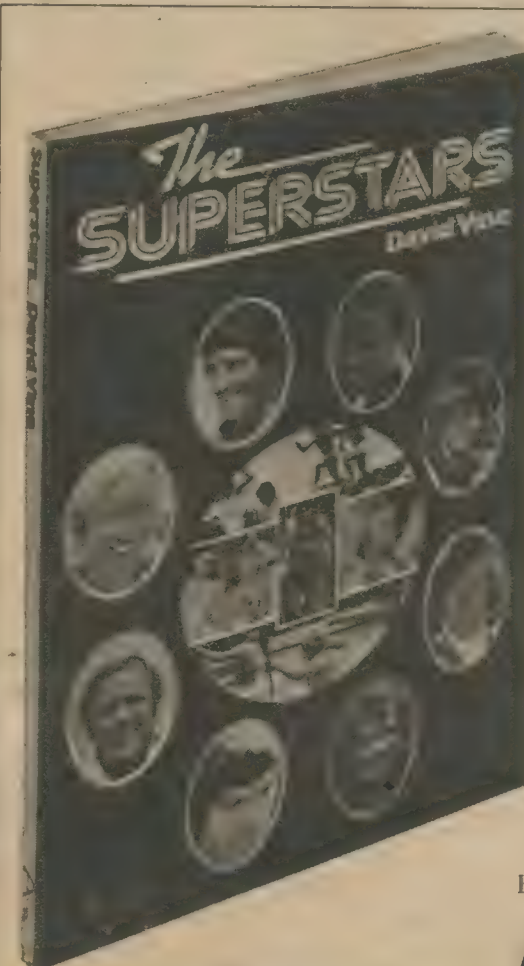
Despite his superb form, leadership and goals, Chile failed to qualify from their World Cup group.

"It was marvellous to play in England and West Germany in the Finals."

"They were unforgettable experiences. I still say we were unlucky to lose 1-0 to West Germany in West Berlin."

"Playing in Argentina — a beautiful country — would have been the ideal why to bow out of World Cup action."

Chile may now be among the World Cup also-rans, but as Scotland will find out on June 15th, Elias Ricardo Figueroa is still one of the best players in the world.



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ROUND THE WORLD WITH

TOSH

by JOHN TOSHACK Liverpool and Wales

Tosh (left) relaxing in Barcelona. Arriving in St. Etienne (Below) for this year's European Cup-tie.

One incident we found quite funny in Spain was the sight of Joey Jones throwing cushions at the Barcelona crowd! They were so disgusted at their team's performance that they hurled cushions on to the pitch. Joey was sitting on the bench and he thought they were throwing them at him, so he picked them up and threw them back.

Bob Paisley had him frog-marched into the dressing room before we got involved in anything serious.

Still in Spain, one of the most unusual sights we saw was in San Sebastian, where they have a huge cannon on top of the stand behind one of the goals.

The Basques of Northern Spain don't all get to matches, but the cannon keeps them in touch with the score. Two blasts for an away goal and one for a goal by the home team. The cannon went off seven times when we played them. Can you guess the score? (3-1 for Liverpool.)

I remember Switzerland as being the place I bought my most expensive shoes ever. £14.00 in 1971 was a lot of money, but I've still got them and they are the most comfortable I've ever worn!

Poland holds memories of the worst coach trip we've ever been on — four and a half hours of bumpy road each way between Wrocław and the nearest airport at Poznań.

We won the match 2-1 in freezing conditions. Heaven help a trip like that for a losing team!

Depressed

I have watched East Germany improve as a country to visit. I remember going to Dresden first in 1968 and being depressed with the city from the day we arrived until the day we left. But I have been twice since then as well as to East Berlin and East Germany is a far better place now than nine years ago.

I have also been on some memorable trips with Wales. Not always memorable for a good result, but memorable never the less!

If Wales have been short of a good side, they have always had plenty of characters playing for them.

One of these was Ronnie Rees, a left-winger who played with Coventry City, Swansea and Wales.

One trip we went on was to Bucharest for a World Cup match with Rumania. Ronnie played, as did Herbie Williams of Swansea, a very under-rated player, but Herbie's problems started when he arrived in Rumania to find he had forgotten to pack a pair of boots!

Wales... Liverpool... Cardiff... I have been very lucky. At the last count I had played in over 30 countries and from Brisbane to Budapest, Sydney to San Sebastian and Melbourne to Munich I have enjoyed every minute!

● Extract from "The Tosh Annual" due for publication on September 1st.

I HAVE been fortunate in my time to have played in most countries in the world, and as you can imagine I have picked up some strange stories and been involved in some memorable matches along the way. So fasten your seat belts — off we go!

Starting nearest to home, I scored my 100th goal in all first class competitions for Cardiff City at Nantes in France, and then moved to Liverpool one week later for £110,000.

I once played at Oporto in Portugal with Cardiff and we had to run from the crowd as they threw stones at us, smashing the windows on the coach.

One of our players, goalkeeper Bob Wilson, needed stitches in a cut head.

The longest trip ever undertaken by a British club in Europe was Cardiff's trip to Tashkent in 1968.

A round 12,000 mile "hop" to play Moscow Torpedo caused all sorts of problems.

We went the first 3,000 miles to Moscow and had a couple of days' training there in the gymnasium underneath the pitch at the Lenin Stadium.

Moscow was the coldest place I have ever been in my life. But I wouldn't have missed the experience for anything in the world.

The two things I remember most of all are going to see the Moscow State Circus, and filing past the body of Lenin in the Red Square.

We moved on from Moscow to Tashkent, which is only 200 miles from China, indeed the local people were very "Chinese" in appearance.

Living conditions were worse here than I have ever seen anywhere in the world. The food was not to our liking at all and regularly we would form a queue outside manager Jimmy Scouler's room and wait for our rations of canned meat and chocolates.

We went to a circus in Tashkent as well. It was remarkable. The



juggler sold ice-creams, tamed the lions and did a good act on the trapeze!

In fact for all the drawbacks we faced during our meeting with the Russians, the people of Tashkent were among the most friendly I've come across anywhere in the world. We lost 1-0 in Tashkent, but beat the Russians in a play-off in Germany.

Trips abroad with Cardiff were always relaxed affairs and a break from the bread and butter of Second Division football. My first trip with them was a little too relaxed however, and I ended up in prison until two o'clock in the morning.

It was in Belgium where we were playing against Standard Liege. John Charles was injured and I was called in as a late replacement just in case he was unfit. I was 16 and had not played a first team game.

The first evening, I went across the road from the hotel, into a picturesque little café by a river.

Two other players liked the look of the little café and so accompanied me. They had been good

players and if they had applied themselves they would have made First Division — but what they did that night was typical of their attitude towards life.

We had a sandwich and a coke, and the bill came to something ridiculous. After paying it, my two irate team-mates decided to "get their own back" and tossed up to see who should throw a chair into the river. The winner threw the chair in and as we ran out of the place I noticed a man pick up the telephone.

About ten minutes later, the police were at the hotel taking the three of us, with Jimmy Scouler, off to the local prison.

After lengthy discussions we were released and got to bed about three in the morning with the game due the next night. I don't think I have been as frightened in my life as I was then.

I have been to many places with Cardiff, notably Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Liverpool have competed in Europe for the past 13 seasons and there have been many thrilling and exciting moments amongst them.

After being a three-times Wembley loser, Manchester United's Tommy Docherty finally tasted F.A. Cup success as his tearaway Reds ruined Liverpool's Treble bid. It was a Final full of all the good things in football . . . an entertaining game played in a sporting way, superbly refereed by Bob Matthewson. Perhaps it's a shame that Liverpool couldn't have achieved the "impossible" Treble, but most neutral fans were happy United lifted the Cup. Our photographer was at Wembley to capture the action . . . the goals that won the match . . . and the atmosphere.

JUST WHAT THE DOG ORDERED!



ABOVE . . . United's opener was superbly taken by Stuart Pearson. Here, he knocks the ball on despite the challenge by Joey Jones. The Reds' striker finished the move off with a blistering shot

BELOW . . . Midfield action from United's Lou Macari and Terry McDermott of Liverpool.

RIGHT . . . The goal that won the Cup. Lou Macari's shot is deflected past Ray Clemence by Jimmy Greenhoff.





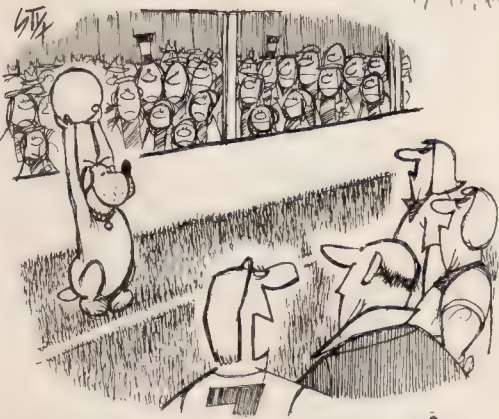
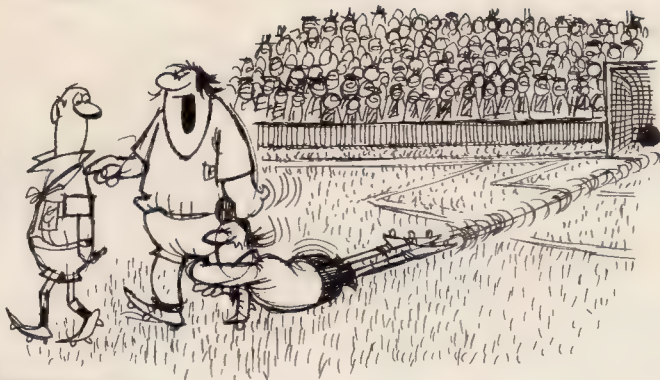
ABOVE . . . This picture tells it all. Sammy McIlroy, Stuart Pearson, Gordon Hill and Tommy Docherty parade the Cup.

BELOW . . . there were some hilarious banners from both sets of fans, making it a "clash" in the best sense.

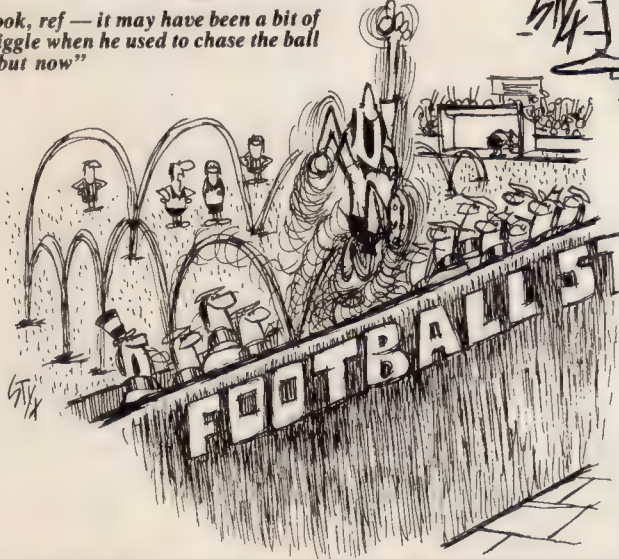


FOOTBALL

"Excuse me, ref. I think their goalie would like to make a protest about the goal"



"Look, ref — it may have been a bit of a giggle when he used to chase the ball — but now"



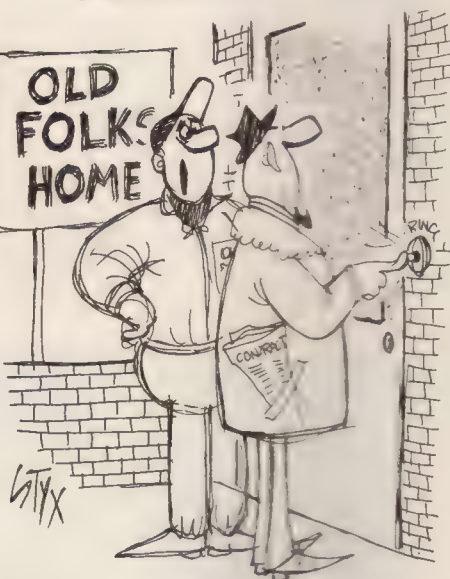
"It was when his team went up to collect the Cup, sarge — he picked me up in his arms and gave me a kiss"

"Always does his top when he scores, you know"



This week Portsmouth star NORMAN PIPER selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

"I know we can't afford to buy a new centre-forward, boss — but this geezer you are after hasn't played since 1939"

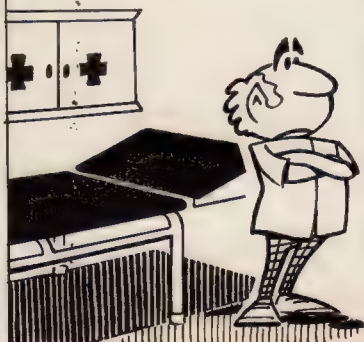


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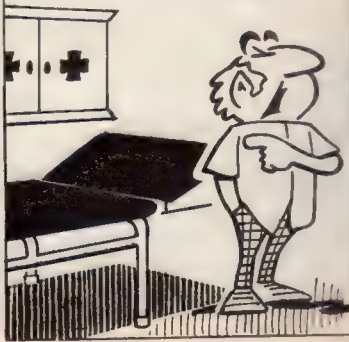
I GOT A NASTY KNOCK ON THE HEAD, DOC



AND IT'S LEFT ME WITH DOUBLE VISION



YOU'D BETTER JUMP ON THE TREATMENT TABLE THEN



CERTAINLY WHICH ONE ?!



W last

FEW players have had the impact of Norman Williams. Williams, who fought his way to the season's F.A. Cup, was the first to win an England Player of the Year award.

Says the star: "A heck of a lot. Not half. I can't say."

"Winning the award was a bit of a cake. To this day, for me, when I look back at the ability of Channon and the side."

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STEVE WILLIAMS

last season's top Saint

FEW players made such a dramatic impact last season as Southampton's young midfielder Steve Williams.

Williams, who is still only 18, fought his way into the previous season's F.A. Cup winning side in the first week of the season, won an England Under-21 cap and was voted Player of the Year by Saints fans.

Says the Cockney-born youngster: "A heck of a season for me? Not half. I can still hardly believe it."

"Winning the Player of the Year award was really the icing on the cake. To think all those fans voted for me, when there's players with the ability of Peter Osgood, Mike Channon and Ted MacDougall in the side."

Williams' whole success story is a bit of a fairy tale. He went to school in Romford, Essex, at the back of the West Ham training ground, and he used to look over the fence at them, dreaming of the day when he might become a professional.

Looked Grim

He was on schoolboy forms at Crystal Palace but when they didn't further their interest, the chances of a professional club coming in for him looked grim.

Then Southampton's London-based scout Bob Higgins moved in. "I liked him from the start and when I was told the club wanted to sign me, I didn't hesitate."

"It meant living away from my parents for the first time but I've ended up in such smashing digs at Southampton it's just like home anyway."

He shares lodgings with another promising youngster, Austin Hayes, and with a few of the other Southampton teenagers living down the road, he's not short of company.

Ironically, all his family are ardent Arsenal fans, and they'd hoped he would one day end up in the red and white of the Highbury club.

"I used to go over there myself. I remember going to see Alan Ball, thinking what a marvellous player he was and never dreaming I'd play alongside him. I couldn't believe it when he came down here."

"That was the great thing about getting in the first team at The Dell. There were so many players with the ability to do well on the pitch I couldn't help but succeed."

"Obviously, there are differences from the second team. It's much faster in the League and you have to think about the game more, learning when to hold the ball, and timing your runs much better."

"But basically, I tried to play my own game and so far it seems to have paid off."



The problem for youngsters coming into the team is always one of consistency. Williams, however, has managed to maintain his form throughout the season, as his Player of the Year award shows.

"I've always felt that because I'm a youngster and more likely to lose my place than anyone else, I've got to be consistent. To try and maintain that, I often used to come back in the afternoon to do a bit of extra work."

Williams was dropped when Ball first arrived at the club but he fought his way back into the side at the expense of Jim McCalliog, and his form eventually led to the departure of the former Scottish international.

Having been called into the Under-21 team so quickly, he is now setting his sights on a full England cap some time in the not too distant future. But for next season, at least, he'll be mainly concentrating on getting his club back into the First Division.

His only disappointment last season was they didn't clinch the promotion he feels they deserve.

"It's hard to say why we didn't go up. Obviously, the side was changed round a lot—that's how I got in—but even allowing for that, we should have made it."

"We turned it on great some weeks and then seven days later we would play really badly. It's hard to understand that."

"There's no need to cry about it, though, because I can tell you one thing for certain now—we'll get promotion next year. No question about that."



CUP HEROES... Allen Batsford (left) with his Wimbledon stars after their draw at Leeds.

'PROMOTION' FOR WIMBLEDON?

WIMBLEDON, F.A. Cup giant-killers supreme, will probably be elected to the Football League on June 17th.

That is the date of the League's annual general meeting in London and The Dons seem odds-on to join the ranks of the elite.

Manager Allen Batsford says: "If we don't get in the League now, no other non-League club can ever feel confident of having a chance."

"If any club is going to be elected, it's surely us at this time."

"We've won the Southern League three years in succession. We feel we're ready and have something to offer."

In the past, many non-League teams have applied, but this year only Wimbledon and, we understand, Altrincham, are being put forward.

With London already "heavy" with clubs, what are The Dons' chances?

Batsford replies: "I don't think the other London clubs will object. We may be competition, but there will also be the chance of more local derbies."

"Also, Northern clubs seem to enjoy visiting the capital."

Certainly Wimbledon have made a name for themselves with memorable F.A. Cup-ties against Leeds, Burnley, and Middlesbrough.

Many of the Cup heroes, such as goalkeeper Dickie Guy (28), are still there.

Wimbledon's Plough Lane ground is a neat, well laid out stadium with three sides covered and capacity for 15,000 fans.

Already Wimbledon can boast attendances that would not be out of place in Division Four and the club estimate an average of 5,500 should they get in the League.

But the glory of the F.A. Cup and the bread-and-butter of Division Four are vastly different.

Batsford is under no illusions. "Playing Fourth Division sides every week, will be a stiff test."

"At the moment, we haven't finalised our plans if all goes well."

"We've retained all our first-team squad of 14. I'd be looking to strengthen the pool anyway. After

so much success, motivating players becomes harder and I'd need some new faces for next season regardless of what happens."

Many part-timers can earn more than Fourth Division players, most of whom earn less than £3,000 a year.

Batsford continues: "How many players in Division Four are truly full-time?"

"Most go to other jobs in the afternoon to make up their money. As I said, this is a bridge we haven't really crossed yet."

"From my own point of view, the challenge of League soccer is very tempting."

"If the club feel I can do a job, I'd be confident of putting Wimbledon on the League soccer map."

Batsford, a buyer for a concrete manufacturers, couldn't work much harder.

Good Idea

"Doing a full-time job and managing Wimbledon is very demanding, but I've enjoyed it."

Many people believe it would be a good idea if a new club joined the Football League every year.

"There's an unwritten law that says League clubs always vote each other back in. After all, they may be seeking re-election themselves one day."

"Perhaps it would be fair to have a new club in each year, although it's a shame there is nowhere for the unlucky club to go and re-organise itself."

Wimbledon appear to be equipped to handle the challenges of the Fourth Division and progress in the same way.

But if they AREN'T elected?

"We'll just have to battle on. It's like getting knocked out of the F.A. Cup. You've got to keep going."

"Our chairman, Ron Noades, who has done most of our campaigning, puts our chances at better than 50-50."

So stand by for a change on June 17th. Workington, applying for re-election for the seventh time, or Southport facing severe financial problems, could be ousted by the go-ahead Dons of Wimbledon.

KEITH FEAR earned the title "Super-Sub" with Bristol City last season. Club coach Ken Wimbush says: "Keith is the ideal man to come on for the last 20 minutes and shake things up."

That may sound a strange compliment, but remember, in modern football a "team" consists of 12 players.

Rosy for Steve

WHEN STEVE SIMS (see Focus on page 31) was given his chance as Leicester City's centre-half at the beginning of the 1975-76 season he must have felt that his future was full of hope.

But after only ten appearances he was dropped for the inclusion of £100,000 Jeff Blockley who returned after injury.

However, last season the positions were reversed.

Jeff was injured again and Steve Sims stepped back into the first team number five spot. Now he has earned England Under-21 recognition and the future really does look rosy.

ROVING ASTLE

SINCE HIS move from West Brom a few seasons ago, the former England striker Jeff Astle has become a soccer wanderer.

He has had spells with Dunstable and Weymouth and has now been released by Southern League Atherstone, after less than a season.

Now it is possible Jeff will link up with former Coventry defender Dietmar Bruck, who was recently appointed player-manager of Redditch United.

LEEDS STAR Eddie Gray turned down the chance to tour South America with Scotland this month because he wanted to rest and not bring on a recurrence of the injuries that have plagued him for so long.



HIBS PLAYERS are all "jabbed up" with no-where to go this summer.

The Edinburgh club tried four times to negotiate tours — Australia, New Zealand, the West Indies and finally Nigeria, but all fell through.

All the playing staff had yellow fever jabs in anticipation of going on tour for the first time to Africa.

Villa Sign another Scot

DUNFERMLINE striker Allan Evans, 20, has signed for Aston Villa to team-up with Andy Gray (ex-Dundee United) and Gordon Smith (ex-St. Johnstone). Another Scot in the Villa side is former Hibs star Alex Cropley.

Evans scored 13 goals for Dunfermline during 1976-77 after being moved forward from centre-half.

The fee was £20,000 plus a further £10,000 when Allan makes 12 first team appearances.

Naturally, Allan is delighted with the move. He told us: "I've always wanted to come South. When you see what players like Andy Gray and Alex Cropley have achieved it is the only place to be."

Asked for his comments, Villa boss Ron Saunders replied: "I'm told this lad could be better than Andy Gray."

WHY GILES QUIT

JOHNNY GILES (right) may have been influenced in his decision to quit the manager's job at West Brom by the sometimes bitter experiences of two of his former Republic of Ireland team-mates, Charlie Hurley and Noel Cantwell.

That possibility arises when one compares the careers of these three Irish "greats" and notices the similarities.

★ When Giles made his debut for the Republic in 1959, Hurley and Cantwell were in the line-up. In fact, Cantwell was a team-mate at Manchester United shortly after that game.

★ All three went on to win a record number of caps. In 1967, Cantwell retired with a record 36; by 1969 Hurley had increased the record to 40 and now Giles has set a new target with 49.

★ All three got their first manage-



rial experience with the Republic of Ireland side.

★ All three managed clubs to promotion. Hurley brought Reading out of Division Four; Cantwell did the same for Peterborough and Giles brought West Brom out of Division Two.

★ All three have quit their managerial posts this past season.

When it comes to advice, players are more likely to take it from other players they respect than anyone and this was illustrated in Giles' case last September when both Hurley and Cantwell helped persuade him to come out of retirement and play for the Republic of Ireland against England at Wembley.

In view of all that, it does seem possible that Giles' surprise decision to quit West Brom was influenced by the experiences of his friends, Hurley and Cantwell.

Rovers lose boss

SEAN THOMAS (right) has quit as manager of League of Ireland club Shamrock Rovers amid speculation that Johnny Giles was to return to Dublin to take over the Milltown club.

Thomas, who helped Rovers to every major trophy in two spells as boss, guided them to success in the League Cup last season.

In the League, however, Rovers struggled, finishing fourth from the bottom. This, of course, was an improvement on the previous season when Rovers had to apply for re-election for the first time in the club's history.

Apart from Giles being linked with Rovers, there is also speculation that two other Dubliners freed by their English clubs — Ray Treacy and Eamon Dunphy — are planning to return to Dublin next season.



TROPHY FOR 'GERS

RANGERS FLEW all the way to Sweden to win their only trophy of the season, the Volvo Sponsors Jet Cup.

They swamped Trollhattan 7-2 before a line crowd of 5,000. Seven Rangers players scored — Hamilton (pen), McLean, Robertson, Parlane, MacDonald, Greig and Morris.

WHERE DO all The Sky Blues go? A whole team of former Coventry City players work in a large tractor factory. They include former England international 'keeper Reg Matthews and Alf Wood, Ron Farmer, Lol Harvey, Dick Mason, Brian Nicholas, Stan Smith, Harry Hart, Dennis Oakes, Ron Wright and youth team trialist Mick McKernan.

Reward for Liam

NOTTINGHAM FOREST'S Northern Ireland defender Liam O'Kane, 28, has quit the game because of injury. As a reward for his services to Forest, the club have awarded him a testimonial next season.

SUPPORTERS OF Sheffield Wednesday, Bradford City and Plymouth Argyle, will be saddened at the tragic death of their former winger Peter Middleton.

Middleton, whose younger brother John is centre-half for Bradford City at the moment, was found dead in his car, and an inquest subsequently found he had committed suicide.

After starting his career with Wednesday, Peter spent four seasons with Bradford City and was in their promotion team of 1968-69, scoring 24 goals in 127 appearances.

He joined Plymouth in 1972, scoring on his debut, but was struck by a car while crossing a road near his home four days later, and received a serious back injury which brought a premature end to his career.

SHEFFIELD UNITED striker Keith Edwards set up a new club record by scoring 11 goals in eight consecutive matches. Edwards, who won an England Under-21 cap against Scotland at Bramall Lane, was rejected by Orient a couple of seasons ago.

IRISH DISASTERS

IRELAND beware! That's our message to Northern Ireland as they prepare for Saturday's (June 11) World Cup tie v. Iceland, in Reykjavik.

Twice in the last dozen years the Irish have flopped against unrated opposition, Albania (1-1), in 1965, and Cyprus (0-1), in 1973, setbacks which shattered Ireland's World Cup hopes.

Iceland held Holland and Belgium to 0-1 scorelines in earlier Group Four games, results which prove Ireland cannot afford to relax in Reykjavik, if they are to prevent another World Cup "disaster".



THE INVASION of the Stamford Bridge pitch spoilt Chelsea's promotion celebrations during their last game in Division Two against Hull City.

But we couldn't help being amused by this picture of a Chelsea supporter shaking hands with Hull 'keeper Jeff Wealds ... and presenting him with a bunch of flowers.

ONE 'KEEPER hoping for a move is Fulham's Peter Maher. He lost his place to Gerry Peyton signed from Burnley last season and doesn't relish the thought of reserve team football. Peter is also a former Burnley 'keeper, of course.

Chasing Willie

LEICESTER, Coventry and Birmingham head a queue of clubs interested in Scottish schoolboy international midfielder player Willie McStay, who lives in Motherwell.

SOUTH AFRICAN CLUB Arcadia Shepherds, from Pretoria, have signed Vic Halom (Oldham), Steve Powell and Allan Cork (Derby) on three month 'guest' contracts.

FEENEY TOPS

GLENTORAN striker Warren Feeney finished Northern Ireland's top scorer in 1976-77 with a tally of 47 goals in 46 competitive games, an impressive average of a goal a match.

Sharpshooter Feeney, who has won every honour in Irish soccer with The Glens, including full international recognition, has totalled 134 goals for the East Belfast outfit in the past four seasons.

WE HEAR Ipswich manager Bobby Robson is an admirer of Everton's midfielder Andy King, the former Luton player.

SCHOOLMASTER Ron Jukes, recognised as one of the top talent scouts and the man who discovered the football family Clarke, has rejoined Walsall after a spell with Birmingham City.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

In 1974... Carlisle paid Coventry City £60,000 for Bobby Parker. All four League clubs that were seeking re-election at the Football League's Annual General Meeting were voted back. Lord Westwood of Newcastle became the new President of the League in place of Len Shipman who resigned owing to health reasons. Sixteen English and four Scottish clubs entered for the coming Texaco Cup.

In 1975... A new disciplinary code for the 1975-76 season was the main talking point of the week. For the next season, any player accumulating 20 penalty points would be banned. Any player sent-off would not be able to contest the referee's decision but, instead of a three match ban, he would miss only one match — and also receive 12 penalty points.

In 1976... The Arabs poured millions of pounds in to football when they announced their new plans this week. Saudi Arabia signed up Jimmy Hill on a long-term contract as a "football supremo" to organise the game out there. Hill would stay in London, but his job would be to sign up English coaches, referees and administrators. Several top names were mentioned as the large salaries became known.



FUTURE SAINTS?

TWO youngsters from the same school, Oxted Secondary in Surrey have been signed as associated schoolboys by Southampton. They are Sean Brown (white shirt, 16) and Glynn Rees (15).

Both are products of Saints soccer training school in Slough, Bucks. Head of coaching at the school is Bob Higgins (leaning, centre) who had a great hand in developing Southampton's young England Under-21 star Steve Williams and future prospect Austin Hayes.

"Any sportsmaster, teacher or coach can visit the soccer centre and see for themselves what we are trying to do for Southampton Football Club," said Bob. Contact Bob Higgins, c/o Slough Montem Sports Centre, Slough, Bucks.

STORMY ENDING

JOHN YATES (below) certainly finished his Football League refereeing career on a very high note in the Derby County-Manchester City match on the sands of the Baseball Ground.

In a dull, goalless first-half there was little indication of what was in store in a stormy second period.

During this spell the Redditch official, who has always been well known for his booking incidents since the Everton-Chelsea match a few years ago, became the centre of controversy.

He booked four players and also sent-off Manchester City's Brian Kidd. Yates also awarded a penalty and shortly afterwards requested the Derby groundsman to measure and mark the penalty-spot following a protest from goalkeeper Joe Corrigan.

In the final 23 minutes Derby scored four goals without reply and in so doing eased their relegation worries.

Referee Yates? He went off into retirement in a blaze of controversy following a match he will never forget.



BOBBY McDONALD, the 18-year-old Hull striker, could so easily have made it to the top in athletics.

Versatile Bobby, who took part in the All-England Athletic Championships in 1975, says:

"I miss competitive athletics now that I am a professional. Many teachers at school tried to keep me on so I could go further in athletics, but football came first for me.

"I will use the close season to work hard on my fitness and stamina training and also help improve my ball skills and heading."

IT SEEMS that David Harvey's long and successful career with Leeds United may be coming to an end now that fellow Scot David Stewart has made the goalkeeping spot his own.

We understand several European clubs are interested in any possible transfer move by Leeds.

New Talent at Burnley

HARRY POTTS appointed Burnley manager for the second time in February, didn't have an easy end of season run in with the club troubled by relegation worries.

But there is no doubting the talent in the Lancashire side. Their experienced players are well known enough, but they also have a crop of outstanding youngsters.

Two who spring quickly to mind are centre-half Peter Robinson and left-back Ian Brennan (below).

"These two youngsters have done very well for us," says Potts. "I have also been heartened by the way the experienced members of the side have helped the youngsters during the difficult period which faced us."

Robinson, who is only 19, has played as a central-defender, sweeper and midfielder and has a lot to live up to. His grandfather, Bill Bell, played for Sheffield United, Hull and Grimsby in the 30's.

Brennan actually started his professional career as a forward, but switched to defence in the reserves and worked his way up to the first team.

His attacking experience has stood him in good stead. His overlapping ability down the left flank has caused a lot of trouble to opposing defences.



KEVIN JOHNSON has been voted Huddersfield Town's Player of the Year by the club's fans.

MILLWALL boss Gordon Jago and assistant Theo Foley took it in turns at the end of the season to check Northampton defender John Gregory.

Linfield Lead In Ulster

IN terms of silverware, Linfield have been Northern Ireland's most successful club in the decade up to the end of the 1976-77 term.

During this ten-year spell The Blues collected 17 trophies, Coleraine and Glentoran coming next with 13 successes apiece. However, unlike Linfield and The Glens, Coleraine don't compete in the Co. Antrim Shield, which makes their achievement all the more creditable.

But in the two major competitions, the Irish League and I.F.A. Cup, Glentoran lead the way with four Championship triumphs and a 1973 Cup win, while Coleraine and Linfield share second place with four top successes each, the Bannsidears winning the Cup three times and the League once, and The Blues, five times beaten Cup Finalists, taking the trophy once, plus three League titles.

The table below shows how these three clubs have dominated Ulster soccer in the past decade.

	Irish Lge.	Irish Cup	Ulster Cup	Gold Cup	City Cup	Antrim Shield	Blaxnit Cup	Total
Linfield.....	3	1	4	4	2		1	17
Coleraine.....	1	3	4	2	1	DC	2	13
Glentoran....	4	1	1	1	3	2	1	13

*Don't compete.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

FOURTH DIVISION

CONTINUED

BRENTFORD (2) 3 (Kruse, McCulloch, Sweetzer pen.)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Turnbull) 5,980
 Brentford: Priddy, Fraser, Allen, Shrubbs (Smith), Kruse, Bain, Graham, McCulloch, Sweetzer, Carlton, Phillips.
 Hartlepool: Edgar, Creamer, Wiggitt, O'Donnell, Scott, Simpkin, Goad, McMordie, Turnbull, Poskett, Bielby.

DARLINGTON (1) 4 (Craig, Rowles, Seal, Ferguson)
CREWE (0) 0 1,674
 Darlington: Ogley, Crosson, Walker, Craig, Stone, Nattress, Lyons, Rowles, Ferguson, Seal, Young.
 Crewe: Brand, Lowry, Roberts, Rimmer, Cheetham (Tully), Bevan, Davies (D), Mayman, Davies (W), Purdie, Humphreys.

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Taylor) 4,476
WATFORD (0) 0
 Doncaster: Peacock; Brookes, Reed, Wignall (D), Taylor, Robinson, Miller, Murray, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Laidlaw.
 Watford: Sherwood; Geldmintis, Pritchett, Bond, Horsfield, Garner, Downes (Jenkins), Walley, Mercer, Mayes, Joslyn.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
EXETER (1) 1 (Hatch) 4,717
 Huddersfield: Starling; Sweeney, Oliver, Smith, Hart, Sidebottom, Gray, Fowler, Campbell, Johnson (McCaffrey), Eccles.
 Exeter: Baugh; Templeman, Hore, Weeks, Roberts, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Robertson, Beer, Jennings.

NEWPORT (1) 3 (Woods 3, 1 pen.) 2,206
ROCHDALE (0) 0
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Emanuel, Walker, Murray, Preece, Woods, Clark, Relish, Byrne (White).
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Lacey, Bannion, Boslem (Mullen), O'Loughlin, Melledew, Dungworth, Mountford, Helliwell, Mullington.

SWANSEA (1) 2 (James 2) 7,344
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Carroll)
 Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Smith, May, Bruton, Lally, James, Curtis, Charles, Chappell.
 Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Loska, Flavell, Phelan, Bradley, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Dunleavy.

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Chatterley 3, 1 pen.) 2,359
WORKINGTON (0) 1 (Green o.g.)
 Torquay: Robbins; Twitchin, Sandercock, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Morrall, Lee, Rudge, Brown, Chatterley.
 Workington: Rogan; Lang, Brown (Wallace), Honour, Blant, Johnston, Harris, Kisby, Coleman, Ashworth, Higgins.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (0) 1 (McCulloch)
HEARTS (1) 1 (Gallacher) 5,000
 Ayr: Geoghegan; Wells, Murphy, Filippi, Rodman, McAnespie, McCall, McDonald (Hyslop), Masterton, McCulloch, Christie (Kelly).
 Hearts: Cruickshank; Brown, Rodger, Fraser, Gallacher, Clunie, Aird, Smith, Shaw, Bannion, Prentice.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone) 8,000
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland (Kirkwood), Williamson, Houston (Fleming), Smith, Narey, Sturrock, Addison, Hegarty, McAdam, Payne.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller (Munro), Forsyth, Johnstone, Watson, McLean, Hamilton, Parlans, MacDonald, Robertson.

HIBS 0
KILMARNOCK 0 3,457
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Schaefer, Bremner, Stewart, Spalding, Brazil, McLeod, Scott, Smith, Carroll.
 Kilmarnock: Stewart; McLean, Robertson, McCulloch, Clarke, Maxwell, Provan (Smith), Jardine, McDicken, Murdoch (Fallie), Short.

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Kennedy)
ABERDEEN (0) 3 (Davidson 2, Graham) 4,208

Motherwell: Hunter; Mungall, Wark, McAdam, McLaren, Stevens, Miller (J), Pettigrew, Kennedy (Graham), Davidson, O'Neill.
 Aberdeen: McLean; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith, Garner, Miller, Shirra, Davidson, Harper, Jarvie (Fleming), Graham.

PARTICK (0) 1 (Somner) 18,000
CELTIC (1) 1 (Aitken)
 Partick: Rough; Hansen (J) (Mackie), Whitaker, Campbell, Marr, Hansen (A) McQuade (Frame), Melrose, Gibson, Somner, Craig.
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Stanton, McDonald, Aitken, Doyle (Wilson), Glavin (Burns), Craig, Dalgligh, Conn.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

INTERNATIONAL

EIRE 0
POLAND 0 at Dalymount Park 25,000
 Eire: Healey; Mulligan, O'Brien, Lawrenson (Dennehy), Holmes, Conway, Martin, Treacy, Walsh, Giles, Conroy.
 Poland: Tomaszewski; Dijuba, Zmude, Boguszev, Wieczorek, Kasperczak, Lato, Mesztaler, Szarmach, Deyna (Boniek), Terlecki.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Macdonald, Armstrong, Nelson) 23,961
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, Nelson, Matthews, O'Leary, Young, Brady (Rostrom), Hudson, Macdonald, Stapleton, Armstrong.
 Villa: Burridge; Smith, Robson, Phillips, Young, Hughes (Massefield), Deehan, Little, Gray, Cropley, Cowans.

COVENTRY (1) 2 (Coop pen., Ferguson) 15,783
DERBY (0) 0
 Coventry: Seeley; Oakley, McDonald, Yorath, Cartwright, Coop, Beck, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.
 Derby: Moseley; Langan, Webster, Daly, McFarland, Todd, Daniel, Powell, Hector, Gemmill, James.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

FIRST DIVISION

LEEDS (0) 1 (Jordan) 16,891
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Robson B)
 Leeds: Stewart; Stevenson, Hampton, Cherry, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, McNiven, Jordan, Currie, Gray (E).
 West Ham: Day; Coleman, Lampard, Pike, Taylor (T), McGivern, Radford, Robson (B), Devonshire, Brooking, Taylor (A).

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Armstrong 2, Mills) 22,000
MAN. UTD. (0) 0
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Ramage, Maddren, McAndrew, Mills, Wood, Brine, Armstrong.
 Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill.

Q.P.R. (0) 0
BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Ritchie) 14,576
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, McLintock, Webb, Eastoe, Francis, Masson (Thomas), Kelly, Givens.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Garland, Cormack, Whitehead.

SECOND DIVISION

CHARLTON (2) 5 (Rodaway o.g., Peacock pen., Flanagan 2, Powell) 6,598
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Newton, Ingham)
 Charlton: Wood; Curtis (Penfold), Warman, Tydeman, Giles, Berry, Powell, Hunt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Noble, Robinson, Rodaway, Ingham, Smith, Fletcher, Flynn, Morley.

ORIENT (0) 2 (Osgood o.g., Bennett) 5,226
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (MacDougall 2, Channon)
 Orient: Jackson; Payne, Roffey, Allen, Gray, Roeder, Whittle, Glover, Bennett, Grealish, Possee (Chiedozie).
 Southampton: Wells; Sharp, Cook, Holmes, Phillipson-Masters, Waldron, Bail, Channon, Osgood, Hebbard, MacDougall.

WOLVES (0) 4 (Palmer, Sunderland, Patching, Hibbert) 21,234
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Sawyer)
 Wolves: Pierce; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Munro, McAlle, Hibbert, Richards, Sunderland, Patching, Carr.
 Cardiff: Healey; Attley, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Pontin, Grapes, Dwyer, Sayer, Showers, Giles.

THIRD DIVISION

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Heeley) 4,974
LINCOLN (1) 2 (Graham, Harding)
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Lee (Hodson), Doyle, Turner, Oakes, Heeley, Gregory, Hughes, Carmichael, Rogers.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Booth, Crombie, Cooper, Hubbard, Ward, Graham, Neale, Harding.

PORT VALE (3) 4 (Evans o.g., Cullerton, Sutcliffe, Beamish) 3,990
C. PALACE (0) 1 (Bourne)
 Port Vale: Dance; Osborne, McLaren, Dulson, Harris, Lamb, Sutcliffe (Brownbill), Bailey, Cullerton, Beamish, Beech.
 C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Holder, Cannon, Evans, Swindlehurst, Graham, Bourne, Silkman, Harkouk (Hilaire).

PRESTON (1) 1 (Elwiss) 4,943
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
 Preston: Smith; McMahon, Williams, Burns, Baxter, Lawrenson, Coleman, Doyle, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong, Overton, Shipperley, Hughes (Knight), Nicholl, Crabbe, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

FOURTH DIVISION

NEWPORT (0) 0
EXETER (1) 3 (Jennings, Beer, Hodge) 3,550
 Newport: Plumley; Morgan, Bell, Emanuel, Walker, Murray, Preece, Woods, Clark, Relish (Williams), White.
 Exeter: Baugh; Templeman, Hore, Weeks, Roberts, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Robertson, Beer, Jennings.

ROCHDALE (0) 0
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Brown) 1,017
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Lacey, Bannion, Summerscales, O'Loughlin, Melledew, Dungworth, Mountford, Mullington, Mullen (Helliwell).
 Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Sandercock, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Morrall, Lee (C), Rudge, Brown, Chatterley (Lynch).



Mick Cooper scored Coventry City's first goal from the penalty-spot in their 2-0 home win v. Derby.

SWANSEA (0) 2 (May, Charles) 9,613
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Gray)
 Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Smith, (Moore), May, Bruton, Lally, James, Curtis, Charles, Chappell.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Sweeney, Garland, Fowler, Baines, Hart, Gray, Armstrong, Campbell, Smith, McCaffrey.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

F.A. CUP (Semi-Final replay)

EVERTON (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Neal pen., Case, Kennedy) at Maine Road 52,579
 Everton: Lawson; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, McNaught, Rloch, Buckley, Dobson (King), Pearson, McKenzie, Goodlass.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Smith, Kennedy, Hughes, Keegan, Case, Johnson, Fairclough, McDermott.

INTERNATIONALS

SCOTLAND (1) 3 (Hartford, Dalgligh, Craig (J)) 22,639
SWEDEN (0) 1 (Wendt)
 Scotland: Rough; McGrain, Forsyth, Blackley (Narey), Donachie, Glavin, (Jardine), Dalgligh, Hartford, Burns (Craig J), Pettigrew, Johnston.
 Sweden: Hellstrom; M. Andersson, Nordqvist, B. Andersson, R. Andersson, Borjesson, Johansson, Larsson, Torstensson, Sjoberg (Borg), Wendt (Ljunberg).

WEST GERMANY (0) 5 (Bonhof pen., Fischer 2, Muller, Fiohe) 55,000
NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 0
 Germany: Meier (Frank); Kaltz, Vogts, Nogly, Dietz, Bonhof, Fiohe, Holzenbein, Abramczik, Fischer, Muller.
 Ireland: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Jackson, Hunter, McCreery (Cassidy), Hamilton, Best, Armstrong (Spence), McGrath, Anderson.

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND (0) 1 (Cunningham) 8,934
SCOTLAND (0) 0 at Bramall Lane
 England: Bradshaw; Daniel, Peach, Sims, Fother (P), Owen, Cunningham, Williams, Bertschin, Reid, Barnes.
 Scotland: Ferguson (Thompson); Sinclair, Burns, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Stevens, McGarvey, (Robertson), Watson, Sturrock, Craig (T), Cooper.

SECOND DIVISION

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 3 (Bowyer, Woodcock, O'Neill) 17,139
OLDHAM (0) 0
 Nottingham F: Middleton; Anderson, Clark (Curran), Chapman, Dow, Bowyer, McGovern, O'Neill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Oldham: Ogden; Hurst, White, Blair, Hicks, Holt, Robins, Irving, Mason, Chapman, Groves.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

FIRST DIVISION

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Mills) 16,500
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Robson B)
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Ramage, Maddren, McAndrew, Mills, Wood, Brine, Boersma; Armstrong.
 West Ham: Day; Bonds, Lampard, Pike, Taylor (T), McGivern, Jennings, Robson (B), Devonshire, Brooking, Taylor (A).

THIRD DIVISION

NORTHAMPTON 0 5,105
CHESTER 0
 Northampton: Parker; Martin, Bryant, Gregory, Robertson, Best, Farrington, Williams, Haywood, Christie, Stratford.
 Chester: Millington; Rayner, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Osarden, Richardson (Edwards N.), Kearney, Mason, Burns.

FOURTH DIVISION
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Simpson) 5,000
BARNLEY (0) 0
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Smith, Downes, Froggatt, Allinson, L. Bamsley; Springett, Saunders, Pickering, Miller, Brown.
SOUTHEND (3) 3 (M. Jones 3) 5,000
SOUTHPORT (1) 2 (Jones 2) 5,000
 Southend: Rafter; Moody, Hadley, M. Goodwin, Clark.
 Southport: Harris; O'Neil, Brooks, Higham, Wilson, Galley.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
FIRST DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Hodson) 22,639
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Earl) 22,639
 Birmingham: McPendrey, Kendall, Sbragia, Jones, Connolly.
 Leicester: Walling; Kember, Sims, Wood, Worthington, Earle.

COVENTRY (4) 5 (Boslem 4, 1 pen.) 22,639
STOKE (1) 2 (Ruggieri 2) 22,639
 Coventry: Sealey; Holton, Coop, Cartwright, Wallace, Hutchison.
 Stoke: Shilton; Smith, Bloor, Tugwell, Ruggieri, Crooks.

DERBY (0) 4 (Gemmill 4) 22,639
MAN. CITY (0) 0
 Derby: Boulton; McFarland, Todd, Hector, Newton.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Booth, Watson, Duggan (Power), Owen, Keegan.

LEEDS (1) 2 (Thomas 2) 22,639
BRISTOL C (0) 0
 Leeds: Stewart; McQueen, Madeley, (Harris), Currie, Gray.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Collier, Hunter, Taylor (Fear), Garland, White.

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Kennedy 2) 52,579
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Wark) 22,639
 Liverpool: Clemence; Kennedy, Hughes, (Fairclough), Johnston.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Hunter, Roberts, O'Whymark (Bertschin).

MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (M. U. Stepney) 22,000
Q.P.R. (0) 0
 Man. U: Stepney; Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Pearson, Macari, Hill.
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; McLintock, Webb, Kelly, Givens.

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
ARSENAL (1) 2 (Macdonald 2) 23,961
 Newcastle: Mahood; Cassidy (Blackhall), Lough, Cannell, Burns.
 Arsenal: Rimmer; O'Leary (Howard), Macdonald, Stapleton.

NORWICH (2) 2 (Reed 2) 16,891
EVERTON (0) 1 (Pearson) 52,579
 Norwich: Hansbrough; Jones (Bond), Povey, Gibbins, Busby, Pett.
 Everton: Davies; McNaught, Rioch, McKenzie, Goodlass.

TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Jennings 3) 21,234
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Hudson) 23,961
 Tottenham: Jennings; Osgood, Perryman, (Taylor), Coates, Arnold.
 Villa: Burridge; Nicholl, Mortimer, G. ley, Deehan.

W.B.A. (2) 2 (Cunningham 2) 5,105
SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Edwards N.) 5,105

FOURTH DIVISION

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Smith)
BARNLEY (0) 0 5,802
 Colchester: Walker; Dyer (Packer), Williams, Cook, Smith, Downman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Allinson, Leslie.
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, Pickering, Felton, Joicey, Peachey, Millar, Brown.

SOUTHEND (3) 3 (Moody 2, 1 pen, Parker)
SOUTHPORT (1) 2 (Jones 2) 3,242
 Southend: Rafter; Banks, Ford, Young, Moody, Hadley, Morris, Laverick, Parker, Goodwin, Clark.
 Southport: Harrison; Smith, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Higham, Birchall, Fisher, Jones, Wilson, Galley.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Kendall)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Earle) 20,836
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Kendall, Gallagher (Rathbone), Sbragis, Jones, Francis, Burns, Hibbitt, Connolly.
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Sims, Woollett, Alderson, Samuels, Worthington, Earle, Bicknell.

COVENTRY (4) 5 (Beck, Powell, Wallace 3)
STOKE (1) 2 (Ruggiero 2) 15,720
 Coventry: Sealey; Oakley, McDonald, Beck, Holton, Coop, Cartwright, Powell, Ferguson, Wallace, Hutchison.
 Stoke: Shilton; Dodd, Marsh, Mahoney, Smith, Bloor, Tudor, Salmons, Conroy, Ruggiero, Crooks.

DERBY (0) 4 (Gemmell, Daniel, Hector, Dally pen.)
MAN. CITY (0) 0 29,127
 Derby: Boulton; Langan, Webster, Dally, McFarland, Todd, Powell, Gemmell, Daniel, Hector, Newton.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Doyle, Barnes, Kidd, Royle (Power), Owen, Keegan.

LEEDS (1) 2 (Thomas, Gray E.)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 21,461
 Leeds: Stewart; Stevenson, Gray (F), Cherry, McQueen, Madeley, Thomas, McGhie, Jordan (Harris), Currie, Gray (E).
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Cormack (Far), Garland, Whitehead.

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Kennedy, Keegan)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Wark pen.) 56,044
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Smith, Kennedy, Hughes, Keegan, Case, Heighway (Fairclough), Johnson, McDermott.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Millis, Talbot, Hunter, Roberts, Osborne, Wark, Mariner, Whymer (Bertschin), Woods.

MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (Macari)
Q.P.R. (0) 0 50,788
 Man. U: Stepany; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill (McCreery).
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, McLintock, Webb, Eastoe, Francis, Masson, Kelly, Givens.

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
ARSENAL (1) 2 (Macdonald, Matthews) 44,763
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattrass, Kennedy, Cassidy (Blackhall), McCaffrey, Nulty, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Gowling, Craig (T).
 Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, Nelson, Matthews, O'Leary (Howard), Young, Brady, Hudson, Macdonald, Stapleton, Armstrong.

NORWICH (2) 2 (Reeves, Busby)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Pearson) 19,725
 Norwich: Hansbury; Ryan, Sullivan, Suggett, Jones (Bond), Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Busby, Peters.
 Everton: Davies; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, McNaught, Riach, Buckley, King, Pearson, McKenzie, Goodlass (Hamilton).

TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Hodde, Jones, Taylor)
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Deehan) 30,890
 Tottenham: Jennings; Naylor, Stead, Pratt, Osgood, Perryman, Jones, Hoddle, Moore (Taylor), Coates, Armstrong.
 Villa: Burridge; Masefield, Smith, Phillips, Nicholl, Mortimer, Graydon, Little, Gray, Crop-ley, Deehan.

W.B.A. (2) 2 (Cunningham, Cross)
SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Towers 2, 1 pen, Lee) 22,072



Despite Plymouth's failure in Division Two this term, Argyle's John Delves has been in fine form.

W.B.A.: Osborne; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Cunningham, Cross, Giles, Johnston.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Docherty, Bolton, Towers, Waldron, Ashurst, Elliott, Arnott, Lee, Holden, Rowell.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN 0
CHARLTON 0 6,350
 Blackburn: Bradshaw; Fazackerley, Bailey, Hird, Keeley, Hawkins (Wood), Taylor, Crompton, Svarc, Parkes, Wagstaffe.
 Charlton: Wood; Penfold, Warman, Tyde-man, Giles, Berry, Powell, Hunt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Hatton)
LUTON (0) 0 9,277
 Blackpool: Wood; Gardner, Harrison, Ronson, Hart, Suddaby, Spence (Finnigan), McEwan, Walsh, Hatton, Bentley.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Fitcher (P), (Husband), Geddis, Hill, Fitcher (R), Fuccillo, Aston.

BOLTON (1) 3 (Hughes o.g., Allardye, Taylor)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Carter) 18,874
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Nicholson, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardye, Morgan, Whatmore, Taylor, Reid, Train.
 Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Ritchie, Jefferson, Marshall, Shedy, Lindsey, Spiring, Galley, McNeil, Briley (Carter).

BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Bater)
NOTT M F. (1) 1 (Robertson) 8,893
 Bristol R: Eadie; Bate, Pule, Day, Taylor, Prince, Stephens, Aitken, Powell, Stanforth, Williams.
 Nottm. F.: Middleton; Anderson, Clark, Chapman (Curran), Lloyd, Bowyer, McGovern, O'Neill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

CARDIFF (0) 0
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Noble) 11,084
 Cardiff: Irwin; Attley, Pethard, Dwyer, Went, Pontin, Campbell, Giles, Sayer, Friday, Grapes (Livermore).
 Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Ingham, Robinson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Noble, Fletcher, Flynn, Morley.

CHELSEA (2) 4 (Langley, Lewington, Wilkins R., Finnieston)
SHEFF. UTD. (0) 0 28,158
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Sparrow, Cooke, Wicks, Harris, Britton, Wilkins (R), Finnieston, Lewington, Langley.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Garner, Longhorn, Franks, Kenworthy, Calvert, Stain-rod, Edwards, Hamson, Hamilton.

MILLWALL (2) 2 (Seasman, Lee)
HULL (1) 1 (Moore o.g.) 5,462
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Lee, Seasman, Summerill, Walker, Alexander.
 Hull: Weelands; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner (Dobson), Croft, Roberts, Nisbet, Lord, Sunley, Haigh, Galvin.

NOTTS CO (0) 3 (Carter pen., Richards, Scanlon)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (MacDougall) 10,651
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, Bolton, Busby, Needham, Stubbs, Carter, Sims, Bradd (Winter), Mann, Scanlon.
 Southampton: Wells; Sharpe, Peach, Holmes, Phillipson-Masters, Waldron, Ball, Channon, Osgood, Williams, MacDougall.

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Irving pen.) 9,466
FULHAM (0) 0
 Oldham: Ogden; Wood, Blair, Bell, Holt, Hurst, Valentine, Irving, Halom, Chapman; Groves.
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Storey, Lacy, Moore, Best, Maybank, Warboys, Mitchell, Slough.

ORIENT 0
CARLISLE 0 4,183
 Orient: Jackson; Payne, Roffey, Allen, Gray, Roder, Chiedoie, Glover, Bennett, Grealish, Whittle.
 Carlisle: Ross; Hoolickin, McCartney, Lathan, McDonald, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Rafferty, O'Neill, Martin.

PLYMOUTH 0
WOLVES 0 16,794
 Plymouth: Ramsbottom; Smart, Horawill, Delves, Craven, Peddely, Hall, Foster, Austin, Bannister, Randell.
 Wolves: Pierce; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Munro, McAlle (Todd), Hibbitt, Richards, Sunderland, Patching, Carr.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
C. PALACE (1) 2 (Harkouk, Chatterton) 5,122
 Chesterfield: Tingay; Smith, Burton, Tarr, Cottam, O'Neill, Fern, Cammack, Green, Kowalski, Heppollette.
 C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterley, Cannon, Evans, Silkman, Perrin, Bourne, Swindlehurst (Brennan), Harkouk.

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Overton)
BURY (0) 0 3,418
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong, Galvin, Shipperley, Overton, Nicholl, Crabbe, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Bury: Forrest; Bailey, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hutton, Farrell, McIlwraith, Rowland, Entwistle, Williams.

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Graham, Ward)
PRESTON (0) 0 5,357
 Lincoln: Gordon; Guest, Leigh, Booth, Crombie, Cooper, Hubbard, Ward, Graham, Neale, Harding.
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Williams, Burns, Baxter, Lawrenson, Coleman, Doyle, Thomson (Mitchell), Elwiss, Bruce.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Moore o.g.)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Liddell, Viney o.g.) 10,155
 Portsmouth: Lloyd; Piper, Viney, Denyer, Lawler, Ellis, Gilchrist, Kamara (Pulfer), Kemp, Pollock, Mellows.
 Grimsby: Wainman; Cumming, Moore, Waters, Hanvey, Gray, Partridge, Lewis, Liddell, Boylen, Broily.

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Bailey, Clarke o.g.)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Bodel) 4,058
 Port. Vale: Dance; Osborne, McLaren, Dulsan, Harris, Lamb, Sutcliffe, Bailey, Cullerton, Beamish, Beech.
 Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGroen, Briggs, Foley, Berry, Duncan.

READING 0
TRANMERE 0 3,969
 Reading: Death; Peters, Drysdale, Bowman, Hetzke, Morelline, Earles, Murray (Kearns), Hiron, Williams, Cumming.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Parry, Flood, Cliff, Philpotts, Bramhall, Peltos, Mathias, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

SHEFF. WED. (1) 4 (Bradshaw 2, Wyld, Potts)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 8,727
 Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Mullen (Potts), Dowd, Leman, Wyld, Johnson, Tynan, Henson, Bradshaw.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Hughes, Doyle, Oakes, Carmichael, Nixon, Gregory, Cozens, Healey, Rogers.

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (McGuire, Lawrence)
YORK (0) 1 (Hinch) 2,352
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Hayes (Lawrence), Griffin, Atkins, Moore, Hornsby, Turner, Bates, Maguire.
 York: Neenan; Young, Hutt, Woodward, Hunter, Topping, Pollard, Holmes, Hinch, Hope, Stanforth.

SWINDON (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Foster C) 5,788
 Swindon: Allan; Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Lewis, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Syrett, McHale (Hooper), Anderson.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), McEwan, Mackenzie, Foster (C), Morris, Randall, Moss, Hodgson, McDonald.

WALSALL (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Finney) 5,399
 Walsall: Kearns; Fry, Caswell, Hynd, Serella,

Robinson, Dennehy (Shelton), Bates, Andrews, Buckley, Birch.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Pugh, Breckin, Gwyther, Standliffe, Spencer, Finney, Phillips (Habbin), Womble, Goodfellow, Crawford.

WREXHAM 0
BRIGHTON 0 20,005
 Wrexham: Lloyd; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Ashcroft, Whittle, Williams (Lee).
 Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Wilson, Horton, Rollings, Cross, Fell, Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 3 (Cave 2, Miller)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,573
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Butler, Morgan, Impey, Barton, Miller, Cave, Howarth, Riley, Paterson.
 Stockport: Holbrook; Loadwick, Rutter, Smith, McNeill (Jackson), Fogarty, Massey, Morrin, Fletcher, Daniels, Buckley.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 3 (Finney 3)
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Sweetzer, Graham) 5,617
 Cambridge: Webster; Eades, Harper, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Hall, Finney, Biley.
 Brentford: Priddy; Fraser, Allen, Bain, Kruse, Shrubbs, Graham, McCulloch, Sweetzer, Car- ton, Phillips.

CREWE (1) 1 (Davies)
DONCASTER (1) 2 (Murray, Kitchen) 2,359
 Crewe: Crudgington; Lowry, Roberts, Purdie, Rimmer, Bevan, Cheetham, Mayman, Davies (W), Abbott, Tully.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Brookes, Reed, Wignall (Olney), Robinson, Taylor, Miller, Murray, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Laidlaw.

EXETER (0) 1 (Beer)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 6,722
 Exeter: Baugh; Templeman, Hore, Weeks, Roberts, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Robertson, Beer, Jennings.
 Darlington: Owers; Crosson, Cochrane, Craig, Stone, Nattress, Lyons, Rowles, Seal, Holbrook, Young.

HALIFAX 0
NEWPORT 0 1,299
 Halifax: Leonard; Dunleavy, Loska, Flavell, Phelan, Bradley, Hoy (Trainer), Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Johnston.
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Emanuel, Walker, Jones, Preece, Woods, Clark (Murray), Relish, Byrne.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 2 (McGregor, Needham) 1,189
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Creamer, Wiggett, O'Donnell (Goad), Scott, Simpkin, Scaife, Elliott, Turnbull, Poskett, Bielby.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Crosby, Butler, Hilton (Howitt), Jopling, Wooler, Earls, Morrissey, Bell, Needham, McGregor.

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Mountford 2)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Baines, Campbell) 1,626
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Lacey, Bannan, Summerscales, O'Loughlin, Halliwell, Dung- worth, Mountford, Cooper, Mullington.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Sweeney, Garland, Fowler, Baines, Hart, Gray, Armstrong, Camp- bell, Smith, Butler.

SCUNTHORPE 0
TORQUAY 0 2,105
 Scunthorpe: Barnard; Czuczman, Pilling, Oates, Wiggington, Money, Davidson, Kilmore, Wadsworth, Keeley, Lumby.
 Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Sandercock, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Morrall, Lee (C), Rudge, Brown, Chatterley.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Mercer)
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Hutchins) 6,417
 Watford: Sherwood; Walsh, Pritchett, Bond, Horsfield, Garner, Downes, Joslyn, Mercer, Jenkins, Coffill.
 Bradford: Downsborough; Podd, Middleton, Dolan, Cooke, Fretwell, McGinley (Hall), Watson, Wright, Johnson, Hutchins.

WORKINGTON (1) 1 (Harris)
SWANSEA (1) 3 (Moore 2, Curtis) 1,249
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 Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Lally, May, Bruton, Chappell, James, Curtis, Charles, Moore.

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WHY TONY MORLEY

THERE can't be many 20-year-old Third Division players who would have the nerve to turn down a move to Arsenal.

That's what Preston's Tony Morley did in January of last year, preferring he said: "to wait for a club nearer home to come in for me."

Morley is too nice a young man to admit it, but the reason he wouldn't accept Arsenal's tempting offer was he didn't want to leave his parents, both old age pensioners, alone in their Ormskirk home.

And his faith in his ability to attract another club paid off a month later when Burnley paid a club record fee of £100,000 for him.

Says Morley, now 21: "It's the best thing I ever did. I'm very happy at Turf Moor and I can honestly say I've never once regretted turning Arsenal down."

"I couldn't find any fault with the Highbury set-up — let's be honest, who could? But I just didn't feel right about moving to London and that's all there was to it."

"We had a sticky time at Turf Moor last season fighting against relegation but I never doubted our ability to stay up, nor my decision to come here."



"They've got a lot of very skilful players at the club and all of them have been a great help to me."

One player who has helped the youngster more than most is the experienced Peter Noble, who has played in almost every position for Burnley.

In a career that has taken him to Newcastle, Swindon and, since 1973, Burnley, Noble has brought on a lot of promising young players. But he believes Morley is one of the best prospects he has seen and he has no intention of letting him waste his talent.

Says Morley, who has played in

the England Under-23 team: "I call him Dracula Noble because he's always trying to get blood out of me."

"He never stops having a go at me, in training or during a match. He's always encouraging me to take on defenders and show off my skills — and if I ever think about taking a breather during a match he's behind me, urging me on."

No Goals

"It may sound as though I hate the guy but really, I've got tremendous respect for him. He's a marvellous player himself and I owe him a lot for what I achieved last season."

The only thing that is slightly worrying young Morley is in all the time he's been at Turf Moor, he has only managed to score two goals.

"It's getting a bit embarrassing," he says. "I've had plenty of chances in front of goal but for some reason I haven't been able to put many of them away."

"As you can imagine, the other lads have given me a lot of stick about it but I've told them they have to be patient."

"It took me a long while to get my first goal for Preston but once I got off the mark, they came fairly regularly." Even so, he wouldn't claim his tally of 15 goals in 84 games for Preston was anything to shout about.

Morley is enjoying the partnership he's forged on the left side of the field with Welsh international Brian Flynn and he is also delighted with the new role he's been given.

For the last part of the season he was playing as an orthodox left-winger, which gave him plenty of opportunity to demonstrate his natural flair.

"I enjoyed playing there a lot. I would have never had the confidence to do it at Preston but with the players I've got round me at Turf Moor, I've started to believe in myself a lot more."

Morley's own performances have brought admiration from a lot of rival managers and next year he hopes he will be pushing Burnley back towards a place in the First Division.

"We've got a lot of skilful players at the club and I don't see any reason why we shouldn't be up there fighting it out with the best of them."

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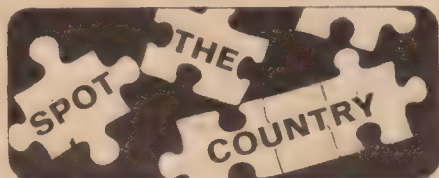
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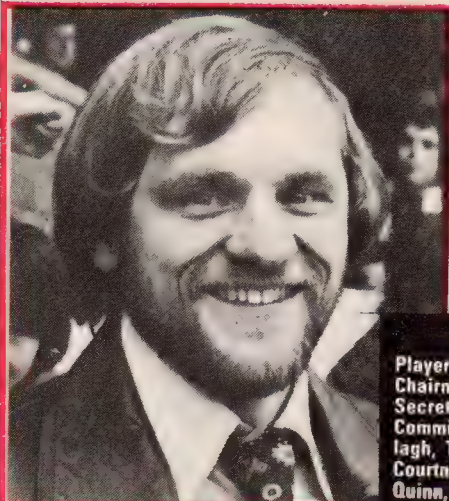
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CLUB SPOT LIGHT

compiled by
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FOUNDED in 1908, Sligo Rovers were admitted to the League of Ireland in 1934 after making a big impression in junior circles the previous season. Apart from their League successes in 1936-37 and 1976-77, they have had a chequered career in League football. Economic considerations caused them to drop out of the League at the start of the Second World War and they returned in 1948. In 1962, after finishing bottom of the League for two seasons — and with only one win in each of those seasons — they were voted out at the League's A.G.M. Their "exile" lasted only a season, but they still suffered from a lack of success until this season. Now, with Scot Billy Sinclair (left) to guide them, they face their first taste of European football.

THE MEN IN CHARGE

Player-manager: Billy Sinclair. Trainer: James Tiernan. Chairman: Sean Gilmartin. Vice-Chairman: Tommy Fallon. Secretary: Michael O'Boyle. Treasurer: John Chadda. Committee members: John Kelly, John Snee, Eddie McCullagh, Tom Clancy, Dermot Murphy, Tony McGee, Charlie Courtney, Dermot McCullagh, Seamus Gilmartin, Tony Quinn, Joe O'Brien.

SLIGO ROVERS

DATE FOUNDED: 1908. **TURNED PROFESSIONAL:** 1933.
LEAGUE CAREER: 1934 to 1940; 1948 to 1962; 1963 to date.
HONOURS: League, 1936-37; 1976-77. F.A.I. Junior Cup, 1929. F.A.I. Intermediate Cup, 1934. Dublin City Cup, 1936-37. F.A.I. Cup Finalists, 1939, 1940, 1970. League Cup Finalists, 1975, 1976.
COLOURS: Red and white stripes, white shorts.
RECORD WIN: 9-0 v Dolphin, 1936-37.
MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON: 39, 1976-77.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN A SEASON: 68, 1936-37.
GROUND: Sligo Showgrounds.
GROUND CAPACITY: 10,000 (it is hoped to increase this during the close-season).
RECORD ATTENDANCE: 8,000 v Shamrock Rovers, April 10, 1977.
RECORD RECEIPTS: £3,278 (at above game).
SUPPORTERS' CLUB: c/o Showgrounds.

LONE CAP

The only Sligo Rovers player to be capped at full international level while with the club was Paddy Monahan, the left-winger in the team that won the League in 1936-37. He won two caps in 1935 against Switzerland and Germany.

GOALSCORERS 1976-77

13 - McGee, Hulmes. 5 - Betts. 2 O.G.'s
11 - Leonard. 2 - Fox, Rutherford. Total - 48

PEN PICTURES OF RETAINED PLAYERS

MICHAEL BETTS: Midfielder. Signed 1976. Played in Second Division with Blackpool in 1975-76. Born Barnsley. Ht. 5.10. Wt.11.0. 19 years old. Son of former City full-back, Barry Betts.

TONY FAGAN: Midfielder. Sligo-born. In Sligo team which lost to Bohemians in 1970 F.A.I. Cup Final. Ht.5.9. Wt.10.10. 27 years old.

CHARLIE FERRY: Winger. Signed from Finn Harps, Feb., 1977. Won F.A.I. Cup medal with Harps in 1974. Republic of Ireland amateur international. Born Derry. Ht.5.8. Wt.10.6. 27 years old.

PAUL FIELDING: Midfielder. Signed 1976. Made over 70 League appearances with Roch-



dale. Born Rochdale. Ht.5.8. Wt.10.10. 21 years old.

GRAHAM FOX: Left-back. Signed 1975. Captain and the club's Player of the Year. Formerly on Cardiff City's books. Born Birmingham.



Sligo's Mick Leonard (above, stripes) narrowly misses with a header against Shamrock Rovers. Club skipper Graham Fox (below) was voted Player of the Year.

Ht.5.9. Wt.10.7. 21 years old.

GARY HULMES: Striker. Signed 1976. Played for Rochdale's League side. Born Manchester. Ht.5.8. Wt.10.7. 20 years old. Played for the League of Ireland v Italian League XI this season.

MARTY KELLY: Winger. Signed 1977. Republic of Ireland Youth cap. Returned to Sligo after trials with English League clubs. Ht.5.6. Wt.10.0. 18 years old.

MICK LEONARD: Striker. Signed 1975. Was on Glasgow Celtic's books. Born Glasgow. Ht.5.11. Wt.11.7. 23 years old.

PAUL MCGEE: Striker. Signed 1975 in player-exchange from Finn Harps. Won F.A.I. Cup medal with Harps in 1974. Former Republic of Ireland youth cap. Played for League of Ireland v Italian League XI this season. Born Sligo. Ht.5.9. Wt.11.0. 24 years old.

HOW THEY WON THE LEAGUE

Oct
3 Dundalk.....H 4-2
10 Waterford.....A 1-2
17 Shelbourne.....H 1-0
24 Bohemians.....A 3-0
31 Finn Harps.....H 2-1

Nov.
7 Cork Celtic.....A 1-2
14 St. Patrick's A.....H 1-2
21 Limerick.....A 3-1
28 Home Farm.....H 5-0

Dec.
5 Athlone Town.....A 5-0
12 Drogheda Utd.....H 3-1
19 Albert Rovers.....H 1-0
26 Shamrock Rvs.....A 2-0

Jan.
2 Dundalk.....A 1-3
9 Waterford.....H 0-0
23 Bohemians.....H 1-2
26 Shelbourne.....A 1-1
30 Finn Harps.....A 1-0

Feb.
6 Cork Celtic.....H 2-1
20 St. Patrick's A.....A 1-0
27 Limerick.....H 1-0

Mar.
13 Home Farm.....A 2-0
20 Athlone Town.....H 2-1
27 Drogheda Utd.....A 0-0

Apr.
3 Albert Rovers.....A 1-0
10 Shamrock Rvs.....H 3-1

(*) Abandoned 77 mins. because of poor light. League allowed score to stand.

PADRAIG McMANUS: Full-back. Born Sligo. Ht.5.9. Wt.10.11. 27 years old.

ALAN PATERSON: Goalkeeper. Signed 1975. Won Irish League and I.F.A. Cup medals with Glentoran. Was also on Sheffield Wednesday's books. Ht.5.10. Wt.11.10. 26 years old.

CHRIS RUTHERFORD: Defender. Signed 1975. Was on Cardiff City's books. Born Liverpool. Ht.6.1. Wt.11.8. 21 years old.

TONY STENSON: Defender. Signed 1969 from Sheffield Wednesday. Played in Sligo team beaten by Bohemians in 1970 F.A.I. Cup Final. Born Sheffield. Ht.6.0. Wt.12.10. 27 years old.

SHANE WALKER: Midfielder. Signed 1977. Played in Hereford United's League side. Former Welsh youth cap. Ht.5.9. Wt.11.0. 19 years old.

SLIGO ROVERS

Eire Champions



BACK ROW (left to right): Mick Leonard, Andy Stewart, Tony Stewart, Jim Purdon, Chris Kelly, Steve Walker, Paul McGee.
 FRONT ROW: Paul Fiebert, Gary McEntest, Dennis Fiebert, Tony Egan, Michael Long, Gary McEntest.

SHOOT!



FOCUS ON Steve Sims LEICESTER CITY

FULL NAME: Steven Frank Sims
BIRTHPLACE: Lincoln
DATE OF BIRTH: 2nd July, 1957
HEIGHT: 5'8" 1/2
WEIGHT: 14st
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Daimler
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Our own Keith Walker
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Lincoln City
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kevin Keegan
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League Cup tie against Lincoln last season
BIGGEST TRIUMPH: Playing for England Under 21's against Wales this season
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Playing badly
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza, banana splits
SCALLANERUS LINES: Snooker, jazz, soul music, good films
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Soul music, travelling by train
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: M+A+S+H, sports programmes, Last of the Summer Wine
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Pink Floyd, Led Zepplin, Mike Oldfield
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Peter Sellers, Clint Eastwood
BEST FRIEND: Peter Welsh, a young teacher at 2nd school
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Watching instead of playing, long away trips
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two Under 21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be a success; to own a sports car
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help Leicester to win something and to play for England
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Never thought of anything except football!
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Comedian Spike Milligan

Steve Sims

SHOOT!

Celtic v. Rangers during 1976-77. It's a safe bet one of them will be Champions again next season.



Why the Old Firm's iron grip may not be broken

IN 1965 Kilmarnock beat Hearts 2-0 to win the old Scottish First Division title. There's nothing so strange about that, but, remarkably, 12 years on, no other club outside the Old Firm of Celtic and Rangers have managed to win the Championship.

After Kilmarnock, Celtic decided to equal the world record of title victories and won the trophy nine years on the trot. Their success was halted by their Ibrox rivals Rangers, who won it in two consecutive years.

But, of course, Celtic came hammering back to top form this year to win their first Premier Division Championship. Now the question all Scotland is asking is: Who is going to stop the Old Firm from winning the title next season? And the season after that...

New Scotland boss Ally MacLeod has never been one to shy away from a challenging question. He hasn't been slow to tell people what he could have done had he been given the resources of the Old Firm.

"People say Jock Stein is the best manager in Scotland," says MacLeod, the newly appointed boss of the Scottish international team. "However, I don't agree with this... I think I am the best!"

MacLeod didn't win a trophy with Ayr United, but he did manage to haul them from the

depths into the First Division and then the Premier before going to Aberdeen, where he won the League Cup last season.

People were looking for Aberdeen making a determined challenge for the flag next year with MacLeod leading them, but now he has gone and his place will be difficult to fill.

MacLeod DID have the resources at Pittodrie. The Aberdeen board weren't slow to give him money to spend and he bought the likes of Joe Harper, from Hibs, Stewart Kennedy and Jim Shirra, both from Falkirk, and Ian Fleming, from Kilmarnock.

Those four players cost around the £150,000 mark... and that is an awful lot of money for a club outside the Old Firm.

One manager puts it this way: "Frankly, my club has no money in the bank. If we hit a slump we must get out of it with the players we have available. If their confidence goes I have got to stick by them."

"I can't go out and gee them up by buying a big name player. I can't put pressure on them that way. But look at Celtic and Rangers... they can pick and choose the players they want."

"Take Celtic, for example. They were struggling for a goalscorer at the start of the season. What do they do? They can go out and

spend £60,000 on Partick Thistle's Joe Craig, who swiftly settles in and becomes the second top goalscorer in Scotland.

"They seemed a bit short of flair on the left hand side. Again there is no problem. Money is made available and Jock Stein goes down to London to pay out £65,000 for Alfie Conn."

"I'm not saying you can buy success, but it is nice to know that if you see a player whom you think can do a particular job for your



Hibs value Arthur Duncan at £50,000. But how many clubs in Scotland could afford to buy him?

team then there is a chance of you being able to buy him.

"It must be great to work with a club such as Rangers or Celtic. Oh, I know the pressure is on that bit more, but I know of many bosses who would gladly take that sort of strain!"

Rangers weren't happy with their form last season after their hat-trick of domestic trophy victories the previous season. It is possible they will go out and spend before the start of the new term.

They could still be interested in Hibs outside-left Arthur Duncan. It is believed they made a move for him shortly before the transfer deadline, but the clubs could not agree on a figure. Hibs apparently wanted £50,000 for their talented international winger.

Anyway, it's going to be another intriguing season in Scotland when the big kick-off comes round again. Will the Old Firm's iron grip on the title be broken? At the moment it looks as though they have it all their own way, especially as no other club can match their resources and healthy bank balances.

We may be proved wrong, but even at this early stage it looks as though that Championship trophy will again be wearing either Celtic or Rangers colours come the end of next season.

'WHEN JOCK STEIN WAS MY BOSS'

**TARTAN
TALK**

John Greig

THE managerial merry-go-round in Scotland has certainly taken a couple of odd turns this year. One boss said the only thing you can be certain of in that capacity is one day you will get the sack!

That may be true, but there never seem to be any lack of would-be successors after a manager has been axed. You can add my name to that list, too, when I quit the playing side of the game.

I've never hidden my ambition to one day take over a club. I've played under the guidance of some great bosses. When I first came into the Rangers side Scott Symon was the manager and he was one of the most successful at Ibrox.

Davie White took over from him and had different ideas. When Davie moved on Willie Waddell stepped in and helped us to our European Cup-Winners' Cup victory in Barcelona five seasons ago.

Mr. Waddell then moved aside for Jock Wallace — our present boss, of course — to step in. So, that's four bosses at Ibrox I have listened to and learned from.

Obviously they have different ideas, but variety is the spice of life and everyone is entitled to his opinion and ideas.

And what about the managers of the Scottish side? I've played under most of the recent ones with the exception of Tommy Docherty, who never selected me.

Ian McColl, John Prentice, Bobby Brown, Willie Ormond and Jock Stein all had me in their side and, again, I learned from them.

Mr. Stein impressed me greatly. Okay, I know he is the boss of our old foes Celtic, but it's just one tribute from one professional to

another. He has a great way with the players.

I can remember a World Cup qualifying game against Finland in Helsinki in 1965. It was a tough game played on a difficult surface, but Davy Wilson, the former Rangers winger who is now boss of Dumbarton, was giving it everything he had.

He was tremendous and he

scored a superb goal. I asked him afterwards where he had found that sort of form and he told me: "Mr. Stein told me to score a 'Rangers' goal' and I couldn't let him down, could I?"

I, too, have felt that certain Stein influence. When I scored the only goal of the game against Italy in the same World Cup section in the November of the same year it was

because I was playing at right-back!

That sounds a bit strange I suppose, but it is accurate. Mr. Stein knew I would have time to go upfield without the Italian forwards coming back to pick me up. He was deadly accurate and I was all on my own when I hammered in that goal.

Afterwards I heard he worked the same trick in a European Cup-tie against Italian club side Fiorentina at Parkhead.

He had watched the Italians play in a League game and he came home to tell his two full-backs — I think it was Jim Craig and Tommy Gemmell — to play as wingers as he said the Fiorentina outside-right and outside-left would not cross into their own half of the field to retrieve the ball.

Celtic won 3-0 and Craig and Gemmell were star men. Enough said!

Friends

Any way, I'd better stop talking about Mr. Stein or someone will think I have changed my colours! There's no way that can happen, I can assure you, but it is difficult not to praise him.

Actually, a lot of people don't realise this, but Jock Wallace and Jock Stein are fairly friendly! That will surprise a lot of the bigots who think Rangers hate Celtic and vice versa.

I know the two managers respect each other.

Well, I'll sign off now with a quick word about Ally MacLeod, who is, of course, the new Scottish team manager ... in case you haven't heard!

Mr. MacLeod has won a reputation as a fair and honest man and he is not afraid to put his convictions into sentences.

I like his style. When he was asked why he left Aberdeen to take over the Scottish job he answered simply: "I want to be the best manager in the world."

All the best, Ally. That's all for this week ... I'll see you all in a fortnight. Take care ...

John Greig

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S KENNY DAL-
GLISH NEXT WEEK**



ABOVE ... Jock Stein had a great influence on John Greig when he was in charge of the Scotland national team.

BELOW ... Our columnist in action against Italy in November, 1965, when he scored the only goal of the World Cup-tie.





Scottish League results 1976-77

Premier (Across for home results and down for away)	ABERDEEN	AYR UTD	CELTIC	DUNDEE UTD	HEARTS	HIBS	KILMARNOCK	MOTHERWELL	PARTICK T.	RANGERS
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CELTIC	2-2 4-1	3-0 2-0		5-1 2-0	2-2 5-1	1-1 4-2	2-1 1-0	2-0 2-2	2-0 2-1	2-2 1-0
DUNDEE UTD	3-2 2-3	2-2 0-1	1-0 1-2		1-1 1-2	2-1 1-0	3-0 4-0	2-0 1-1	2-1 0-0	0-0 0-1
HEARTS	1-1 2-1	2-2 1-2	3-4 0-3	1-2 1-1		0-1 2-2	2-2 4-0	2-1 3-2	0-0 1-0	0-1 1-3
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KILMARNOCK	1-2 1-2	6-1 0-1	0-4 1-3	1-0 1-2	2-1 2-2	1-1 0-1		1-1 2-2	0-0 1-3	0-4 1-0
MOTHERWELL	1-1 1-3	4-1 2-4	3-0 2-2	1-1 4-0	1-1 2-1	2-2 1-1	5-4 2-0		3-0 1-1	3-1 0-2
PARTICK T.	2-2 2-1	0-2 0-1	2-4 1-1	1-5 0-0	2-1 2-0	1-1 1-0	2-1 3-1	2-0 0-0		2-1 4-3
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LEADING PREMIER DIVISION GOALSCORERS

(Includes League, League Cup and Scottish Cup)

- 29 — Harper (Aberdeen)
- 28 — Craig (Celtic)
- 26 — Glavin (Celtic)
- Pettigrew (Motherwell)
- 24 — Dalglish (Celtic)
- 21 — Gibson (Hearts)
- Johnstone (Rangers)

Celtic players (above) celebrate their first Premier Division Championship last season. Aberdeen's Arthur Graham (below, right) scores against Kilmarnock. The Killies were relegated at the end of the season.



Div.1	AIRDRIE	ARBROATH	CLYDEBANK	DUMBARTON	DUNDEE	EAST FIFE	FALKIRK	HAMILTON	MONTROSE	MORTON	Q. OF SOUTH	RAITH R.	ST. JOHNSTONE	ST. MIRREN
AIRDRIE.....		3-0 2-0	1-1 0-2	1-2	2-2 2-2	0-0	4-3	2-1	0-2 1-2	3-2 1-1	3-3	1-0 3-3	3-0	2-2 2-2
ARBROATH.....	1-0		0-2	1-0 1-2	1-0	1-1 1-2	4-0	1-1 2-1	2-1	2-1	2-0 1-1	2-1	2-1 2-1	0-2 1-2
CLYDEBANK.....	1-0	3-0 8-1		2-0 4-2	2-1 3-0	2-1 3-1	4-1	2-0	1-2	2-3	2-0	3-0 2-0	1-0 2-0	2-2
DUMBARTON.....	1-3 2-1	2-3	1-1		1-1	5-1 3-3	2-2 4-0	1-2 1-1	2-1 2-2	1-1 0-4	3-3 2-0	2-0	2-4	0-1
DUNDEE.....	3-1	2-1 5-2	2-3	2-1 4-0		2-2	2-0	5-1	6-1 3-2	1-1	1-1 0-2	3-1 4-0	1-0 2-0	0-4
EAST FIFE.....	0-4 2-1	1-0	0-6	2-3	2-4 0-2		1-1 1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1 0-2	1-0 1-1	2-1	1-1 1-1	3-3
FALKIRK.....	1-0 1-1	1-3 1-0	0-4 2-4	1-3	1-6 0-8	1-1		1-0	0-1	3-5 0-1	2-0	1-2	0-0	2-0 1-1
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MORTON.....	1-3	4-1 1-0	0-0 2-2	3-0	2-2 2-3	2-0	1-0	0-2 1-1	3-0		0-2 3-1	3-1	3-1 2-0	1-1 0-4
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RAITH R.....	2-2	1-0 0-1	2-1	1-1 3-1	1-2	1-0 2-1	1-1 3-0	0-2 1-1	1-0	3-3 3-4	1-2		1-1	1-1 0-5
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LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

42 — Pirie (Dundee)
30 — McCallan (Clydebank)
27 — Larnach (Clydebank)
26 — McGhee (Morton)
23 — McColl (Clydebank)
22 — Ritchie (Morton)

St. Mirren stormed to the First Division Championship last term. Left, Saints' Tony Fitzpatrick (stripes) in action during a clash against Dundee.



Clydebank's Larnach follows the ball into the net during their 8-1 thrashing of Arbroath. Clydebank join St. Mirren in the Premier next season.

Div.2	ALBION R.	ALLOA ATH.	BERWICK R.	BRECHIN C.	CLYDE	COWDENBEATH	DUNFERMLINE	EAST STIRLING	FORFAR ATH.	MEADOWBANK	QUEEN'S PARK	STENHOUSEMUIR	STIRLING A.	STRANRAER
ALBION R.....		2-2	0-1	2-2 4-0	1-4 3-1	4-2	2-2	3-2	1-1 1-1	3-0	1-1 4-1	0-1 2-0	4-4	5-2 2-1
ALLOA ATH.....	2-2		5-1 0-0	6-0	2-0	2-1	3-3	4-1	5-0 2-2	2-0	1-1 0-1	2-1	3-0 0-1	1-1
BERWICK R.....	1-3 1-0	2-0		3-1 4-1	1-1	0-0 1-0	0-2 0-1	1-0	2-2	2-3 0-0	0-3 3-2	0-1	0-3 1-0	0-1
BRECHIN C.....	1-3	1-2 1-3	1-1		1-1 1-2	4-1	2-3	0-0 0-1	1-2	3-1 1-1	3-2 1-1	3-3 1-0	0-4 0-0	3-1
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COWDENBEATH.....	2-4 3-1	0-2 2-3	0-1	2-1 1-4	4-3 2-0		1-0	2-1 1-2	0-0	3-0	1-2	0-1	1-1 0-1	1-1
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EAST STIRLING.....	1-1 3-1	2-2 0-1	0-0 2-2	1-1	1-3	2-0	0-1		1-0 2-1	3-2	3-0 1-3	2-1	0-3 0-2	2-1 2-1
FORFAR ATH.....	2-1	1-2	1-0 1-2	1-2 0-4	1-3 1-2	1-3 1-2	1-1 0-2	4-1		0-0 0-0	1-2	4-0	0-2 1-2	2-4
MEADOWBANK.....	1-3 0-0	1-1 1-1	2-0	1-1	3-3	3-1 1-2	1-1 0-0	3-1 1-4	3-2		1-1	1-2 0-0	1-2	2-1 1-0
QUEEN'S PARK.....	3-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	0-4 4-0	0-1 1-0	0-0 3-0	3-2	3-0 2-2	1-0 2-3		1-1	2-1	1-3 4-2
STENHOUSEMUIR.....	1-3	3-0	2-1 0-0	3-1	3-0	0-2 0-1	2-1 0-1	1-0 0-1	2-1 0-1	1-0	1-0 2-1		0-2 0-3	1-2
STIRLING A.....	2-1 0-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	3-2 3-0	4-1	2-0 1-0	1-1	0-0	2-2 1-0	0-3 1-1	2-1		2-0 0-1
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LEADING SECOND DIVISION GOALSCORERS

30 — Frye (Stranraer)
23 — McLean (Albion Rovers)
22 — Forrest (Alloa)
21 — McCabe (Stranraer)

17 — Hood (Clyde)
Hunter (Cowdenbeath)
Donnelly (Queen's Park)
Robb (Brechin)

IT IS probably true to say the most valuable game on England's South American tour is the one against Argentina in Buenos Aires.

The World Cup will be played in this city — South America's largest — and four other sub-centres during June of next year.

So it is imperative all would-be Finalists have a "fact-finding mission" to see exactly what conditions can be expected in 12 months time.

South America is a new "world" to the current England squad and the boys will be looking forward to seeing the grounds, pitches, climate and environment in Argentina, especially.

The World Cup hosts obviously have a huge advantage and are rightly among the favourites to take the trophy next June.

Home nations are always difficult to beat... the fans will be right behind them... playing under familiar conditions is a help that

my side of soccer

GERRY FRANCIS

'England's most important game'

can't be minimised.

There may be one or two disadvantages, like almost being expected to win. This puts pressure on the hosts, but at the same time the advantages easily outweigh any disadvantages.

My own experience of South American soccer is limited to Brazil in Los Angeles last summer, when we were narrowly beaten 1-0.

I've studied South American players closely over the years, though, and I have a lot of admiration for their skills.

Playing on firm pitches you have to possess first-class ball-control and the Brazilians etc. certainly have this.

Their game is played at a slower pace than most Europeans, with more emphasis on technique.

I thought Argentina were the best South American side in the 1974 World Cup Finals.

In 1966, Argentina seemed to rely heavily on their defence, but in West Germany they attacked and

were very exciting to watch.

Players such as Babington, Houseman and Ayala suddenly became very popular with the telefans in Britain and I certainly enjoyed Argentina in 1974.

I haven't really seen them since, but if they're progressing in this way then Argentina obviously have a good team.

It's remarkable in many ways how soccer in Argentina survives. So many of their top stars go to countries like Brazil and Spain to earn their living.

Their manager, Cesar Luis Menotti, must be heart-broken to see his potential World Cup team broken up.

Now, he has said he will only play home-based players in his team. Those who have sought fame and fortune elsewhere will forfeit their World Cup chances.

This must have been a tricky decision for him. Overall, I'd say he has made the correct move.

Constantly changing the line-up

would wreck any blend and balance created. This is what would inevitably happen with the "Europeans" coming and going as their clubs would allow.

It's virtually impossible to talk of Argentina without mentioning the infamous 1966 World Cup-tie at Wembley when their captain Rattin was sent-off for arguing with the referee.

I never actually saw that game "live". I was on holiday in Clacton at the time and listened to the match commentary on the radio in the car.

Later on, I saw some edited highlights, but to make any fair judgment, you needed to have seen the entire game. Just watching the incidents can give a distorted view.

Anyway, as far as I'm concerned — and I'm sure I speak for all the England squad — that game 11 years ago is dead and buried.

It's history and has no relevance to the present or the future.

The important factor is how

England and Argentina approach the game on June 12th and, perhaps, in 1978.

Perhaps a more interesting exercise is to look back at the England side of '66.

I was very impressed by England's World Cup-winning team. It represented a new era in football; Sir Alf Ramsey assembled a strong squad of players and used a 4-4-2 formation with Alan Ball, Martin Peters and Bobby Charlton breaking from deep positions.

Nobby Stiles did a marking job on the opponents' danger-man, while Geoff Hurst and Roger Hunt worked tirelessly up-front.

Whatever people may think of that side, it was effective and I reckon England were a little unlucky not to retain their World Crown in 1970.

We should have beaten West Germany, that's for sure. I can't recall England losing a 2-0 lead at any other time.

England gave Brazil, the eventual



ABOVE... R Houseman scores Argentina against Italy in the 1974 World Cup Finals.
LEFT... Uruguay will be anxious for a good result following their Cup elimination.

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'RANGERS WILL BOUNCE BACK'

declares Dave Clement

IT was a season of disappointment and frustration for Queens Park Rangers, whose brave and brilliant assault on the First Division Championship in 1975-76, ended in heart-break, as present Champions Liverpool pipped them on the post, by a single point.

Freely tipped as outstanding title contenders before the current campaign got under way, Rangers never really hit the sort of form that many people expected of them.

One Q.P.R. star who firmly believes his team's disappearance from the ranks of the title challengers, is only a temporary affair, is big, powerful England full-back, Dave Clement.

"I admit," says Dave, "that the flowing consistency of our football was missing last term, but to say the high standard of our performances the season before was a flash-in-the-pan, as some people have been doing, is just rubbish!

"Remember, from the opening game of the programme, until his return against West Bromwich Albion, last February, we were without Gerry Francis, and his skill, striking power, and inspiring leadership was sorely missed.

'Acclaim'

"Indeed, when he returned, we showed signs of coming on to the type of game which won us so much acclaim in 1975-76.

"Although it was a bitter blow losing to Aston Villa, in the League Cup Semi-Final replay at Highbury, and being knocked-out in the second-leg of the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals by the Greek club, AEK, in Athens, a game decided on penalties.

"There was also a spell when to all outside Loftus Road, Q.P.R. looked like relegation material.

"But, without looking for excuses, we didn't have the best of luck, what with losing Gerry for seven months, running into fixture trouble as a result of our ground being waterlogged, some internal upsets within the club, and, of course, to cap everything, that terrible injury Stan Bowles sustained last March against Bristol City.

"A particularly bad fracture of the right ankle, put Stan out of action, and I know everybody in the game, including fans everywhere will wish him complete recovery, and a speedy



return to both Q.P.R. and the England squad.

"Nobody was to blame. It was a complete accident, but it underlines how the season went for us."

Another disappointment for the popular full-back was having to drop out of the England World Cup line-up for the Wembley match against Luxembourg, through injury.

"Obviously, I was sick at missing such a vital England game, but I was pleased young John Gidman, of Aston Villa, who took my place, had such a fine match.

"But, a friendly word of warning to John! I waited a long time for my England call-up, and I'm determined to get back into the side and stay there.

"A challenge like that can benefit my club game next term, as I realise I must maintain the form and consistency that put me into the squad in the first place.

"Although I again had to pull out of the international squad through an injury I sustained in Q.P.R.'s final match of the season against Birmingham, I hope to play my way back in to the reckoning next term.

"So it wasn't a memorable season for me or Rangers, but you can't keep a class side down, and we'll be bouncing back in 1977/78, after that League title we missed so narrowly in 1975-76. Just wait and see!"

ABOVE... "René Houseman scores for Argentina against Italy in the 1974 World Cup Finals."
LEFT... "Uruguay will be anxious to get a good result following their World Cup elimination."



term that is over-used.

What is "world-class"? Presumably a player who has proved himself at the highest level; do Argentina have world-class stars?

We shan't know until 1978 — it's the same with just about every country.

As I write, I don't know the result of the Finland/Italy World Cup-tie.

I've said before, I'm confident one way or another England will be in Argentina next year. Maybe we'll raise a few eyebrows then.

Uruguay certainly won't be in the Finals. They were eliminated by Bolivia, which must have come as a real blow to the first-ever World Cup winners.

They would have had strong support in Argentina as the two capitals — Montevideo and Buenos Aires — are only about 150 miles apart.

Imagine, say, England not qualifying for a World Cup held in Scotland!

Even so, our game against Uruguay on June 15th is another chance to test ourselves against unfamiliar South American opposition.

Uruguay will, I'm sure, be keen to put up a good performance and from our point of view, it would be nice to end the season (!) on a winning note.

Until next week,

Gerry Francis

winners, their toughest match and had enough chances to win on that hot, sticky Mexican afternoon.

Had England and Brazil met again in the Final... well, who knows what might have happened?

After 1970, changes should have been made, but they weren't. The players who operated a successful system were nearing the end of their careers.

Because of this, we are still trying to find a settled side with the right blend.

People claim we don't have world-class players, but this is a

SCORE A 100 SOCCER CENTURY

Tackle this quiz, section by section, checking your answers with those printed upside down beneath each section. Award yourself four points for each correct answer. Then add up your scores and see how close you are to the maximum total of 100.

MANAGERS

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the names of some of the top English managers.

1. RTYRE BSVENEAL (YCLATRS ACPEAL)
2. ETRPE RRMSIO (FMNDELISA)
3. YJMIM FDALMRI (EDSLE)
4. YOBBB BNRSOO (WHPISCI)
5. YONT OOKB (CMNRHTEESA TICY)

Answers 4

1. Terry Venables (Crystal Palace)
2. Peter Morris (Mansfield)
3. Bobby Robson (Ipswich)
4. Tony Book (Manchester City)
5. Jimmy Armfield (Leeds)

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CUP FINAL

On Saturday, May 21st, the 1977 F.A. Cup Final between Liverpool and Manchester United was played. Can you answer the questions?

1. Who played in the number three shirt for Manchester United?
2. True or false: All three goals were scored within the first ten minutes of the second-half?
3. It was a shot by Gordon Hill or Lou Macari that hit Jimmy Greenhoff to score United's winning goal?
4. Which Liverpool player was substituted for Ian Callaghan?
5. Was Alex Stepney in goal for United in 1963 when they beat Leicester to win the Cup?

Answers 16

1. Arthur Albiston
2. True
3. Lou Macari
4. David Johnson
5. No

SENT-OFF

The players below were sent-off during May. Can you name the clubs they were playing for when dismissed?

1. Gerry Gow.
2. John Wark.
3. Leighton Phillips (below)
4. Joe Gallagher.
5. Leighton James.



Answers 20

1. Bristol City
2. Ipswich
3. Aston Villa
4. Birmingham
5. Derby

CHECK YOUR RATING

88-100... Excellent. 80-86... Very Good.
68-78... Good. 52-66... Average. Under
50... Never mind, try again next week.

YOUR OVERALL TOTAL

75

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Chat. (5) Grand. (8) Resist. (10) Hunter. (15) Keep. (16) Ode. (17) Tote. (19) Solo. (21) Hart Lane. (23) Ely. (24) Tear. (27) Bans. (29) Any. (30) Till. (31) Test. (33) In. (34) Upset. (35) On. (36) Pele. (37) Dye.
DOWN:— (1) Cry. (2) He. (3) As. (4) Ticket. (6) Ran. (7) Need. (9) The Saints. (11) Upon. (12) Too. (13) Red. (14) Goal-line. (17) The. (18) Try. (20) Let. (22) Fan. (25) Eat. (26) Ryan. (27) Blue. (28) Seed. (30) Tip. (32) Sty.

Jumbled Name: BRIAN KIDD.

PICTURE PUZZLE



Study the action photograph, taken during an England/Northern Ireland British Championship game last year, and answer the questions listed.

1. Can you identify the player on the right?
2. And the one of the left?
3. For which League clubs do they play?
4. Where was the international played?
5. What was the final score?

RELEGATED

Can you name the clubs that finished the 1976-77 season bottom of the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Scottish Premier Divisions?

Answers 16

- First: Spurs
- Second: Hereford
- Third: York
- Fourth: Workington
- Scottish Premier: Kilmarnock

Answers 12

1. England's Stuart Pearson
2. Sammy Nelson of Ireland
3. Pearson (Manchester United)
4. Wembley
5. England won 4-0.

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Britain's most talented football teenager since Trevor Francis -

That is the gold Swansea City have struck in JEREMY CHARLES

HE IS no longer qualified as the "son of former Arsenal and Wales star Mel Charles" or even as "nephew of the great John Charles". At 17, Jeremy is there in his own right.

He has jumped straight from the classroom to 25-goal top marksman for the busiest scoring team in the Football League. Not bad going for a youngster who a year ago was finding his way around in schoolboy sides... "but, then, he's from a pretty good stable," says Swansea manager Harry Griffiths.

Some managers, directing the fortunes of such a brilliant prospect, would duck publicity for as long as they could. Griffiths was prepared to talk about the ability of Charles even before he kicked a ball in first team football.

A year ago in SHOOT, we revealed that a new Charles was on his way into football. But no one could have guessed just what an impact he would make — from the moment he came on to the pitch as a 16-year-old substitute in a League Cup game against Newport County on the opening day of the season.

He had scored his first goal within minutes and smashed home a second chance later on. Jimmy Scouler, the former Scotland wing-half and F.A. Cup winning skipper of Newcastle United, was the manager of crushed Newport at the time and found exactly the right words. "It was like a story coming true from the pages of a schoolboy comic," he reflected.

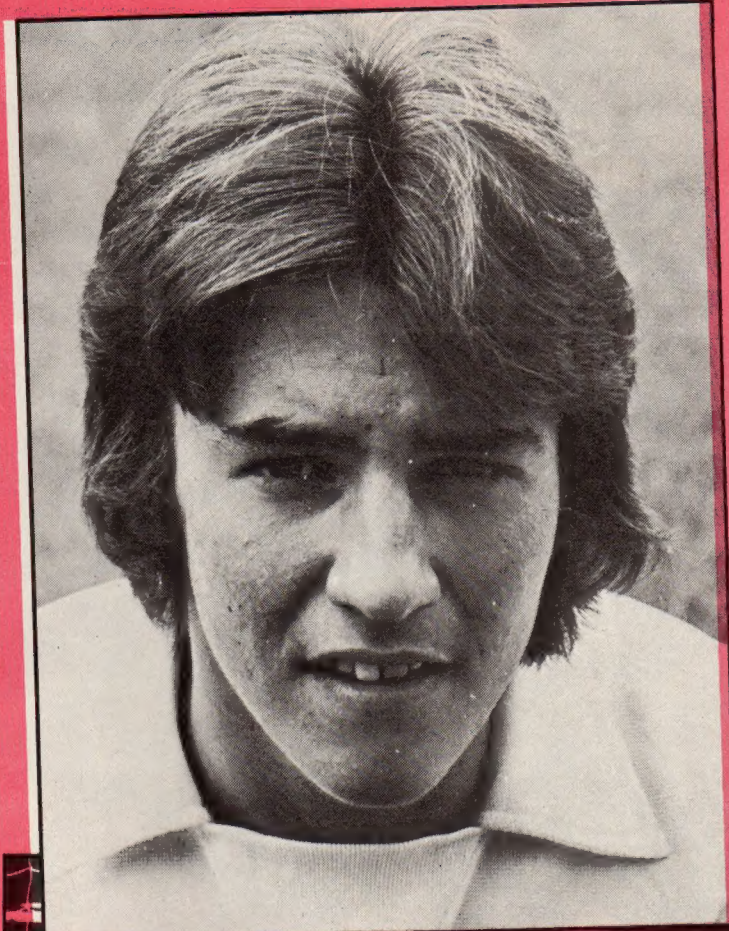
Welsh football then held its breath. A flash in the pan, a freak situation or the genuine article? In the nine months since that confident debut, Charles has answered all the questions. He is a 22-carat "gem" in the apt description of manager Griffiths.

"I have proved I'm good enough to play in the League and I can score goals," says the six feet one inch, 11 stone 11 lbs attacker. "I never thought a year ago when I was tossing up about whether to stay on at school or chance a career in football that it would turn out like this."

"Frankly, it's all something of a dream even now. I can hardly believe it — and when I think seriously about my first season in football I'm almost overwhelmed by the excitement."

Griffiths mildly corrects his star pupil on the use of the word "dream".

"It's the one thing he NEVER does. He knows exactly where he



is and what he's doing every moment he's on that pitch.

"A mark of his ability is that coach Roy Saunders and myself hardly tell him a thing. We do not coach him as such as you normally would a front player. He is instinctively aware, gets on with his job with a rare natural talent and never moans."

Griffiths has handled him brilliantly. Early on he regularly confined him to half a game or some 60 minutes — either bringing him on from the substitute's bench or pulling him off when a game entered its closing stages. This happened even if Charles was

playing well and had scored a couple of goals.

Fourth Division football is noted more for its rugged competitiveness than its finesse and Griffiths wanted to be certain that Charles was never drained of stamina or enthusiasm. He was concerned, too, by a rather lightweight frame for Charles entered professional football at under 11 and a half stone.

That was too slender for such a demanding job — but now Charles is filling out into a powerful carbon copy of his father and uncle.

"I wasn't aware of being knocked around that much," says

Jeremy, "but I am intent on building up my weight to 12 stone."

He admits to the sheer pleasure of scoring goals and rates his debut pair against Newport (he went on to score four more against them in League games) and another against Huddersfield Town as "the best".

He explains: "I remember those in particular because the first two sent me on my way and the one against Huddersfield was from my best header of the season."

All the superb heading power of uncle John — rated the finest header of all time — is there. So is his beautiful skill on the ground. He frequently drops back from central striker into an attacking midfield role to make sure of his pace and attacking awareness.

Cardiff coach Alan Sealey, whose two goals won the 1965 European Cup-Winners' Cup for West Ham, looks back to his Upton Park days to make another comparison. "He ghosts into scoring positions with the same subtle skill of Martin Peters," he says.

There, of course, he is talking about Charles the midfielder: Charles the central-striker is

Jeremy Charles (below, right) scores for Swansea against Rochdale at Vetch Field. The Swans won 3-2.

something else again.

"I'm still finding out about myself," agrees Charles whose modesty is totally unaffected by sensational success.

"I grew up with John and Mel," remembers Griffiths, "and let me say here and now that Jeremy has done more at 17 than they did."

"He must be the only young player in the game today who can't go home and be rather pleased with himself — because his father can talk about when he scored four goals in an international or his uncle remind him about the 42 he scored in one season at Leeds."

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